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# A Year After Plot, Life Looks Better to Yeltsin

By Steven Erlanger New York Tunes Service

MOSCOW - A year ago, President Boxis N. Yeltsin announced that he was preparing a "September barrage" against his opponents in Parliament. By October, the metaphor had turned real, with tanks firing cannon into the Parliament building.

This August, there is an earie stability. Monthly inflation is down to 6 percent compared with 26 percent a year ago. Salaries are worth more, with the ruhle stronger, and

ago. Salaries are worth more, with the runte stronger, and consumer spending is up.

There is consensus on economic policy under Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, who has adopted the very tight-money policies he criticized in January.

Mr. Yeltsin appears more energetic, the new Parliament is behaving itself and a divided opposition is apparently looking more toward 1996 elections than to street fighting.

On a trip last week down the Volga River, talking with

ordinary Russians, Mr. Yeltsin had a new announcement: "I see that in many regions the economic slide has stopped."

That is a vast improvement, but how stable is it? Made pessimistic by their tortured history, few Russians like to hazard any bets. The country has been in tumult so long that any extended period without calamity is deeply

Opinion polls still show ambivalence about the future, even as the newspapers debate whether the August 1991 coup attempt against Mikhail S. Gorhachev was an effort to save the country or to strangle it.

Among Muscovites, traditionally the most cosmopolitan of Russians, only 30 percent think capitalism will improve their lives and that of their families while 37 percent still say they do not know. About 23 percent think things will become worse. A year ago, fewer people -26 percent -- expected an improvement in daily life.

There are enormous problems in Russia, from crime,

corruption and moral disorder, to growing unemploy-ment, unpaid salaries and intercompany deht. But as Sergei Pavienko, head of the Russia's Center for Eco-nomic Reforms, said: "The high-temperature fever crisis of the Russian economy is over."

A senior Western finance official put it differently: "We're happy with Russia now. Why? Because it's oot on the precipice anymore. It may get there again, but it's kind of back-burner. It's costing us less in money and less

For lack of a better strategy in an extended period of thin budgets and greater domestic demands, Washington and other allies seem simply to be trying to buy time for

Such a policy annoys Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev, who fears that Western miserliness and strategic neglect now, in sharp contrast to the effort made to

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A PASTORAL PONTIFF - Pope John Paul II strolling Monday in the Aosta Valley in Italy. The Vatican denied published reports that the pontiff's health was declining, saying he walked for a full 90 minutes and that he still planned to visit Bosnia-Herzegovina next month. The Pope, 74, is on a 10-day holiday.

# Republicans Help Clinton Win a Round on Crime Bill

By Kenneth J. Cooper Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — House Democrats have joined with moderate Republicans to give President Bill Clinton a desperately nceded victory on a compromise \$30 billion crime bill, sending the measure to the Senate for final votes.

The comfortable victory, 235 to 195, came late Sunday after Democratic leaders negotiated an agreement with Republican

moderates to devote more funds to police forces and prisons but fewer to crime-prevention programs, which critics called

The moderates then kept their end of a rare bipartisan bargain in the House and delivered 46 votes for the bill, including its ban on 19 assault weapons, "copycat" models and large ammunition clips. The ban had been vigorously fought by the powerful National Rifle Association. Mr. Clinton praised the bipartisan suc-

cess in passing the bill, which opponents had blocked Aug. 11 on a procedural vote. "This is the way Washington ought to work, and I hope it will work in this way in the future," he said in remarks at the White

To complete a reversal of his political fortunes on the crime hill, Mr. Clinton must win at least one more procedural battle, this time in the Senate, which passed its version of the crime bill last

trimmed from the bill. Senator Orrin G. Hatch of Utah pledged that he and his fellow Republicans would launch a challenge based on budgetary rules, possibly forcing Democrats to secure 60 votes to get final action on the legislation. "It still may collapse," he said.

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat

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# Somalis Kill 7 UN Troops In Ambush of India Convoy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOGADISHU, Somalia - Somali militiamen ambushed UN peacekeepers Monday in southwestern Somalia, killing seven Indian soldiers and

wounding six, officials said.

The latest incident hrings to 106 the oumber of UN peacekeepers killed in fighting in Somalia since May 1993.

Major Richard McDonald, military spokesman for the UN mission in Somalia, said Monday that "an unprovoked and carefully coordinated ambush occurred on an Indian convoy at Burleego."

Burleego is a village about 115 kilo meters (70 miles) southwest of the capital, Mogadishu. The area, as well as southern Mogadishu, is controlled by the Somali National Alliance, which is headed by General Moham-med Farrah Aidid.

General Aidid, who once had a price put on his head by the United Nations for the killing of 24 Pakistani peacekeepers in an ambush last year. is Somalia's most notorious warlord,

Major McDonald said that about 70 militiamen had attacked the Indian convoy with anti-aircraft weapons, mortars and small arms. In a firefight that lasted several hours, the peacekeepers destroyed a number of Somali vehicles mounted with heavy weap-

The major said there were a number of Somali casualties, hut he gave oo precise figure. Three of the wounded Indians were seriously hurt, he said. Although the area is controlled by General Aidid, Major McDonald said the identity of the Somali attackers was unknown.

Also on Monday, U.S. military vehicles were fired oo by Somali gunmen in southern Mogadishu, but oo casualties were reported.

The Americans returned fire, but nobody was wounded on either side,

Major McDonald said. A handful of U.S. military advisers and about 50 Marine embassy guards remain io Somalia. A pullout of U.S. and most other Western forces in the spring left India with the second-largest contingent among the approximately 18,000 UN peacekeepers stil in the couotry.

The UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, recommended Friday that the United Nations immediately reduce its personnel in Somalia by

Mr. Butros Ghali said the force should be reduced to 15,000 before the end of October or during November. U.S. forces were withdrawn from Somalia in March after suffering heavy casualties in combat with So-

mali factions. The UN mission's mandate expires at the end of September. The United States, a permanent member of the Security Council, is expected to press for a sharp reduction or a complete withdrawal of peacekeepers if a oew government is not in place in Somalia by that time.

(AP, Reuters, AFP)

# **Mexicans Opt** For Stability After a Year Of Upheaval

Ruling Party Candidate Is Ahead, but Monitors Cite Some Irregularities

By Tod Robberson

Washington Past Service
MEXICO CITY — Mexican voters declared clearly in results for the presidential election Monday that they wanted a rapid end to the most turbulent eight-mooth period the country has witnessed since its 1910 revolution.

With their selection of Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, the Mexican electorate appears to have voted its preference for stability and continuity after a year that rattled the nation to its core.

With 32 percent of the ballots counted the federal Electoral Institute announced official results showing that Mr. Zedillo had easily beaten Diego Fernández de Cevallos of the conservative National Action Party. Mr. Zedillo had 47.8 percent of the vote and Mr. Fernandez was second with 30.3 percent.

Some Mexican and foreign observers said irregularities, tocluding scattered shortages of ballots, marred the Zedillo

Civic Alliance, a coalition of 380 independent groups, complained of "serious irregularities" in many polling places.

But the results of Sunday's election offered a telling glimpse of how Mexicans think of themselves as a nation. It is clearly a more confident and hopeful nation that has overcome its fear of the United States and the threat it once posed through the North American Free Trade Agreement. Mexicans did oot, as many analysts predicted, vote to reverse the trade agreement hy ousting the regime that helped enact it.

While survey results show that Mexicans are looking toward a brighter future with hopes of greater joh opportunities and higher incomes, they continue to feel the aftershocks of an armed peasant revolt in southern Chiapas state, the March 23 assassination of Mr. Zedillo's predecessor on the PRI ticket, stock market upheaval and the ever-present threat of a major currency

A telling statistic came from an exit poll question asked of voters across the natioo: Did you select your candidate choice because you expect it to improve your personal and family situation or because it will improve Mexico's situation? Seventy percent said they had set aside personal concerns and voted for Mexico.

At the same time, however, Mexicans sent a clear message that they were dissatisfied with the ruling party and the machine-style power it has wielded in the presidency for the past 65 years. Analysts said Sunday's vote was less a mandate for the PRI than it was for the candidate and his chief sponsor, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Although Mexicans remain skeptical of Mr. Salinas's economic reforms and opening to the United States through the North American Free Trade Agreement, they

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# Cubans Ignore U.S. Rebuff: 'We Just Want to Get Out'

By Roberto Suro

HAVANA — Slapping together make shift rafts of inner tubes, ropes and scrap lumber, Cubans continue to set out to sea for the United States in large numbers despite the Clinton administration's new effort to deter them.

Dozens of those leaving said they were oot troubled by the prospect of ending up hack to Cuba, at the U.S. naval base at Guantánamo Bay.

"Guantánamo is all right by me," said Juan, an electrician who was busy ham-mering together a raft on the rocky beach at Coimar, on the eastern fringes of Havana. "We'll be with the Americans there. Anyway, I don't think we'll be there for long. I have a brother in Florida who will

get me out." lo the face of an unprecedented exodus

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of Cuban rafters, President Bill Clinton last week reversed a U.S. policy that had welcomed people fleeing Cuba as refugees. Instead, those intercepted at sea by the Coast Guard will be taken to Guantanamo, and those who make it to U.S. shores will be detained. The Coast Guard had stopped 1,367

refugees Monday by late afternoon, a daily record since the Mariel exodus in 1980, which saw 125,000 Cubans arrive in the United States in the space of five months. A total of 1,189 refugees were picked up Saturday, and 1,293 were picked up Sun-

Including Monday's refugess, the Coast Guard said, it has rescued 6,418 Cubans in August and 11,449 in all of 1994. An uncounted number have perished at sea. Working with Juan oo the beach at Coji-

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HARSH PENALTY — As China continued its policy of quick retribution for corruption. Gui Bingquan, director of a grain bureau, was executed Monday in Liaoning Province after being sentenced for embezzlement.

#### Kiosk

#### Car Bomb Kills Child in Baghdad

NICOSIA (Reuters) — A car bomb exploded in Baghdad on Monday, killing a child and wounding 13 people, the offi-cial Iraqi press agency. INA, reported. The report, monitored here, said the booby-trapped car hlew up near the offices of the official newspaper, Al Jum-huriya. The explosioo hadly damaged five houses and several vehicles, the re-

port said. A car bomb in central Baghdad last year wounded five people. Iraqi officials at the time blamed Iranian agents.

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# Latest California Gold Rush — Vintage, Used Levis

By Sallie Hofmeister New York Times Service

PASADENA, California - When the giant flea market outside the Rose Bowl opens at dawn, bargain hunters from Thailand and Japan are first on the field. Pockets bulging with wads of \$100 bills and carting big empty surcesses strapped to luggage dollies, they load up on American artifacts like weathered leather jackets and

rock-and-roll memorabilia. But the real quarry is used Levis, which can fetch as much as several thousand dollars overseas.

As another generation of teenagers embraces American culture, secondhand jeans have become status symbols. A thriving underground economy has sprouted West of the Mississippi to buy, wash and repair used Levis for resale from Finland to Australia.

No one knows how many pairs are being shipped abroad. Precisely how much profit is made is also a

mystery because dealers are preternaturally closedmouthed about this cash husiness.

What the dealers do say is that a vintage pair of jeans —like Levis from the 1950s or '60s —can bring \$3,000 or more abroad, although most of the jeans sell for less than

It is a husiness almost as secretive as the drug trade, and nearly as splintered. But on the second Sunday of every month, outside the Rose Bowl, everyone who is anyone in this exclusive circle, grown to perhaps 100 people from a handful a few years ago, shows up to buy and sell used jeans by the bale and to hargain for the

On a recent Sunday, Max Shapiro, a San Francisco dealer, was having what he called an uncharacteristically slow day. His biggest sale was a pair of Levis from the '60s that brought \$150, meager compared with the \$3.300 he made on one sale another day. Nat and Lucky Woogchaiwat, a hrother-sister team from Thailand, frequently hunt here. In their early 20s, they make a monthly pilgrimage for 10,000 pairs for their store in Bangkok.

Japan is still the biggest customer for used jeans, although the boom has cooled.

"They can buy jeans made in Hong Kong for \$6 but would rather have 501s for \$100," said Val Marco, a Los Angeles dealer who left his job as a vice president at a Silicon Valley robotics company to sell jeans after repeatedly getting offers for his Levis on business trips

Dealers scour small towns and farm communities like Luhbock, Texas, and Cody, Wyoming, advertising in local papers that they will pay 50 cents to \$15 a pair. Oo the appointed day they pull into town and do business

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# Moscow Agrees To Help Halt Nuclear Traffic

New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Russia and Germany agreed Monday to cooperate to prevent the smuggling of ouclear materials, what-ever their origin, by tightening border controls and improving the exchange of infor-mation between their intelligence agencies, officials of both countries said.

A series of seizures of bomb-grade nuclear material in Germany, including a shipment of more than 300 grams (10.5 ounces) of plutonium-239 on a Moscow-Munich flight, prompted three days of talks here between Chancelior Helmut Kohl's intelligence coordinator, Bernd Schmidbauer, and senior Russian nuclear

and security officials.

The visit had political overtones, as well.

For Mr. Kohl, who is coming up for reelection, it was important to be seen as doing something about the ouclear threat. For the Russians, who reacted defensively to the smuggling reports, it was important that the meeting did not point a public finger at Russian security lapses or official соптириод.

For example, Sergei Stepashin, the di-rector of Russia's Foreign Counterintelligence Service, the domestic side of the former KGB, said Monday, "We doo't have a clear answer to the question of where this plutonium comes from."

The Germans have said that some of the three seizures of material in the last four months originated in Russian military laboratories.

But Mr. Schmidbauer said that the main point of the negotiations was not the origin of the material but ways to stop its smug-

gling and trade. Mr. Schmidhauer also discussed several people involved in the Munich airport inci-See ACCORD, Page 4

# Former Spies Deny Mitterrand Link to Plot to Kill Lawyer

masters denied Monday that seized in Sudan and taken to President François Mitterrand Paris last week, has accused Mr. had been implicated in a secret Mitterrand of ordering him service plot in the 1980s to murkilled and has challenged the der Jacques Vergès, the lawyer president to deny the allega-for the captured terrorist Cartions.

DST from 1982 to 1985, called been carried out because it the alleged plot "the wildest would have been too conspicufantasy." His counterpart at the ous. DGSE secret service at the

an anti-terrorist unit, whn said in an interview with a French televisinn channel that Mr. Vergès "was a priority target" in 1982 and 1983.

said Sunday on TF1.

Captain Barril said decisions about security matters had been said Monday that Stasi had made at the highest levels of government and that Mr. Mit-terrand and Prime Minister his defense of the late furmer Pierre Mauroy "were aware" nf Nazi officer Klaus Barbie, who

elined to comment on the Mr. Verges has denied other charges. It said Captain Barril such accusations and has dehad never worked at the presi-nounced what he called a "Stasi dential palace. Mr. Vergès, who has taken

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches over the headlines from his PARIS — Two former spy guerrilla client since Carlos was

Mr. Vergès said last week Yves Bonnet, who headed the counterintelligence agency 1991 that the killing had not

Mr. Vergès was Captain Bartime, Pierre Marion, denied any ril's lawyer in a scandal in knowledge of a planned attack which his elite gendarmerie against Mr. Verges and dissequad was found to have plant-missed the report as ax-grinded ed false evidence in 1982 to in-The two men were reacting to weekend comments by Captain Paul Barril, the former head of an anti-terrorist unit, who said the case against Captain Barril was dropped.
French newspapers have

quoted reports from the former East German secret service, "All the services were onto Stasi, alleging that Mr. Vergès could have been a CIA agent ter of all terrorist contacts," he at a French nuclear plant.

The newspaper Le Figaro linked Mr. Verges with the Cenwas jailed for life in France for what was going on. was jailed for life in Franc Mr. Mitterrand's office de-

disinfurmation campaign."
(AFP, Reuters)



A worker putting up a Free Democratic campaign poster Monday in Bonn. It shows the party leader, Klaus Kinkel.

## Kohl's Party Pledges to Limit State Spending

BONN - The leadership of Chancellor Helmut Knhl's Christian Democrats on Monday agreed nn an election manifesto that includes a commitment to limit state spending and cut social security

The party general secretary. Peter Hintze, said that the final version of the manifesto, intended to form the basis of Mr. Kohl's campaign for general electinns on Oct. 16, was largely identical to a draft already circulating in Bonn.

The opposition Social Democrats insist that any spending increases be balquickly accused the Christian Democratanced by cuts elsewhere in the budget. ie Union of victimizing the poor and covering up plans for tax increases.

A central theme of the manifesto is the huge state deht and hudget deficit that Germany has run up through spending to help the struggling East German economy since reunification in 1990.

The draft said that the Christian Democratie Union and its sister party in Ba-varia, the Christian Social Union, would

"Annual growth in state spending

must remain clearly below the level of economie growth, so that room is created to cut new public-sector borrowing and reduce the tax burden," it said.

The Christian Democratic Union has pledged to levy an across-the-board income tax surcharge of 7.5 percent starting in 1995 to help finance German uni-

# **Dutch Coalition Takes Office Pledging Budget Cuts**

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE - Queen Beatrix swnre in a union leader-turned-politician as prime minister Mnnday in a new government incorporating left and right to tackle growing economic and social problems.

The Labor Party leader, Wim Kok, has hitched his party's wagon in those of the free market Liberals and left-leaning Democrats 66 in an unlikely coalition that has promised more jobs but also more cuts in the generous state welfare system.

The ceremony at the Huis ten Bosch Palace here marked the beginning of an unaccustomed spell in opposition for the Christian Democrats, part of every Netherlands ruling coalition since the 1917 introduction of universal suffrage.

The Christian Democrats' record ballnt-box defeat in May -losing 20 seats in the 150-seat Parliament cost the party a coalition berth and its leader, Elco Brinkman, his post.

JERUSALEM — Two inci-

dents have sparked fresh con-

cerns among Palestinians about

their new self-rule govern-

ment's commitment to demo-

cratic procedures and to toler-

In one ineident, Saleh

Shaaer, 15, was shot dead and

annther Gazan vnuth was

wounded during a scuffle with

the Palestinian security police

ating internal dissent.

A policy hlueprint drawn up hy Mr. Kok and already approved by his new cabinet pledges spending cuts of 18 billion guilders (\$10.5 hillion) nver the coming four years, with about half that figure coming from the once-sacrosanet social security system.

Administration of the country's sickness benefits will be privatized, and child-support payments and old-age pensinns will be cut.

The coalitinn will free industry of part of its heavy tax hurden in a bid to stimulate joh creation in this nation of 15 million.

Mr. Kok hopes his 14-minister cabinet will send a total of 350,000 johless back to work in the public and private sectors during its four-year term.

His fiscal austerity program also aims at bringing the Dutch hudget deficit down to 2.9 percent of the gross domestic product by 1998.

The deficit is expected to rise to 4.3 percent of GDP

Palestinians Fear Authoritarian Trend of Leaders

this week in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Nasser, 40, said in tele-

phone interview from her home

in Ramallah, north of Jerusa-

lem, that she had received an

annnymous call last week from

someone who threatened to

"smash" her and harm her chil-

dren unless she reversed her po-

sition within 48 hours. Later. a

The incidents raised new

rule them after a long exile in

Arab states with little tradition

of dissent or official account-

ability will seek to impose simi-

lar authoritarian patterns here.

sheet with a red stain was put

on her doorstep, she said.

in the newly autonomous area ian National Authority preside the national authority, prom- they lack and refuse to accept."

fears among Palestinians that Palestine Liberation Organizatinian jnurnalists criticized the

tion officials who have come tn closure of Al Nahar.

ised self-rule would mean "de-

newspaper, to close down.

seen by Palestinians as a result

of pressure from Mr. Arafat af-

PLO chairman and the head of ic. "Democracy is something fat and the Israelis.

Once head of the Federation of Trade Unions, Mr. Kok became the first Labor prime minister sworn in since Joop den Uyl, who led a live-party coalition from

Mr. Kok warmed up for his new job as deputy prime minister and finance minister in the last cabinet, a Christian Democrat-Labor coalition led by the outgoing prime minister, Ruud Lubbers. The new cabinet was sworn in more than 100 days

after the May national elections, which left no two parties with enough seats for a majority coalition.

Few members are politically prominent. There are only two survivors from the Lubbers cabinet — Mr.

Kok and Jan Pronk of Labor, who remains development aid minister.

The D66 leader, Hans van Mierlo, is the new foreign minister and nne of two new deputies to Mr. Kok along with Interior Minister Hans Dijkstal, a Liberal. Labor holds five ministerial seats, as do the Liberals, with D66 filling the last four.

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The Palestine Human Rights

ministers. "Political violence in

Mrs. Nasser is on the execu-

# Neo-Nazism In Germany

many, said the new circles of far-right thinkers were more dangerous than skinheads and other things who have attacked foreigners and others since German unification in 1990.

"The state will be able to cope with the violence, but the:

intellectuals supply the ideology that lures young people and makes them into violent criminals," Mr. Bubis told German

Mr. Bubis said many of the new far-right ideologists believed they were preventing racist violence by adopting neo-Nazi singans as a way of drawing militants off the streets and into the political process.

for a convicted far-right leader.

tive committee of the General Günter Deckert. The court in the southwest-Deckert a suspended one-year

# Said to Grow

BONN — The leader of the Jewish community in Germany warned Monday that neo-Nazi ideology, once largely confined to violence-prone gangs, had begin spreading among intellectuals

Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Ger-

But he praised what he saw as the refusal of many Germans to accept radicalism, pointing to a public outcry this month when a court showed understanding

Union of Palestinian Women, a tinian journalists criticized the PLO-affiliated organization ern city of Mannheim gave Mr. whose members come from the This kind of authority is various factions that make up sentence for denying that the leading toward totalitarianism the PLO. She is affiliated with and authoritarianism," said the Popular Front for the Liber-Holocaust - the Nazi attempt Riad Malki, a Palestinian aca- ation of Palestine, a faction that to annihilate Europe's Jews demic who has long criticized is critical of the self-rule ar- had ever happened. The prose-Although Yasser Arafat, the the PLO for being undemocrat- rangement reached by Mr. Ara- cutors had demanded a two-

## WORLD BRIEFS

Serbia Rejects UN Border Observers

BELGRADE (AFF) — President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia rejected on Monday UN appeals to place observers on the Serbian-Bosnian border as a way to check up on Belgrade's pledge to punish Bosnian Serbs for rejecting a peace plan.

Yasushi Akashi, the top United Nations envoy to the former Yugoslavia, said Mr. Milosevic had told him that deploying observers would violate Serbia's national sovereignty. Mr. Akashi said he was not outinistic on the peace process.

said he was not optimistic on the peace process.

Serbia said Aug. 4 that it was closing its Drina River border with Bosnia. Belgrade had been a key source of support for the

#### 44 Killed in Plane Crash in Morocco

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — A Royal Air Maroc passenger plane crashed shortly after takeoff, killing all 44 people aboard, the

The sircraft was on a flight from the southern city of Agadir to Casablanca when it crashed Sunday night about 35 kilometers (20 miles) north of Agadir. It was not immediately known what

Among the dead was a Kuwaiti prince identified as Ali al Mahmoud al Jaber as Sabah, 38, the brother of Kuwait's defense minister, the airline said.

#### Craxi Denies He Faces Amputation

ROME (Reuters) — Former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, who says bad health is preventing him from returning to Italy to face corruption charges, on Monday denied a report that he risked having a foot amputated.

Mr. Craxi, 60, was recently sentenced in absentia to 8½ years in prison for fraud. He has been in virtual exile at his Tunisian holiday home for several months, saying he is too ill with diabetes to travel. His physician, Dr. Luigi Colombo, was quoted as telling the weekly magazine Europeo that the former Socialist leader was suffering from an abnormal growth under his left foot that could develop into gangrene and might lead to amputation.

"If Europeo had been professional enough to check they would have found that the serious foot infection that was causing me problems has been cured and is in the process of healing up," Mr. Craxi said in a statement.

Craxi said in a statement.

Strike Brings Lesotho Capital to Halt

MASERU, Lesotho (Renters) — Lesotho's capital was at a
standstill Monday as tens of thousands of people observed a strike
to back the government of Prime Minister Nisu Mokhehle, which
was ousted in a power struggle with the monarchy.

Archbishop Desmond M. Tutn of South Africa, meanwhile,
met the king and government ministers here in a bid to resolve the
latest crisis in the landlocked mountain kingdom.

Lesotho security forces last week shot and killed five people
during demonstrations against the ousting by King Letsie III of
the 16-month-old government, the first to be democratically
elected in the kingdom in two decades. The United States suspended aid to Lesotho on Sunday. pended aid to Lesotho on Sunday.

#### Manila Women Protest Japan Visit

MANILA (Reuters) — Dozens of former Filipino "comfort women," some in tears and others screaming with anger, demand-

ed \$200,000 each in compensation from Japan on Monday, the every of a visit by Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama.

The women, in a raily outside the Japanese Embassy in Manila's Makati financial district, rejected a reported plan by Japan. to set up job training programs for Asian women to show remorse for atrocities by its soldiers during World War II. Mr. Murayama arrives in Mamla on Tuesday for a three-day,

visit as part of a four-nation tour of Asia. The welcome he willreceive in Manila will be mixed with requests from officials for more economic assistance and demands for money from women. forced into prostitution by by Japanese soldiers during the war.

#### Correction

Because of an editing error, a Bloomberg Business News dispatch in Saturday's Business and Finance section incorrectly described the real estate outlook in Hong Kong. The article should have stated that Morgan Stanley Asia predicted that office rents would fall by 20 percent over the next three years.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### British Rail Workers in 11th Strike

LONDON (Reuters) — British railroad signal workers walked out Monday in their 11th brief strike since early June, forcing commuters to find other ways to get to work and go home. British Rail said it would operate up to 40 percent of its services during the 24-hour strike, which began at noon.

Railtrack, a separate company formed in April to operate the tracks and signals under a program to break up the national railroad system, said signalers were drifting back to work. "As the days go by, more and more signaling staff have shown that they don't agree," Railtrack said in a statement.

Slovakia and Israel signed an agreement to open communica tion links between airports and transport authorities. (Reuters) A 23-year-old Danish tourist contracted cholera while on vacation in western Turkey, the Danish Scrology Institute reported. It said a German also came down with cholera there. (AFP)

Greeks battled fires on the islands of Samos and Poros for a second day, while another fire broke out in the Arcadia area. (AP) Iraq is stopping all suriving travelers, including Iraqis, at its borders and testing them for the virus that causes AIDS. (AP)

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# Aviation Safety vs. National Culture? Boeing Takes a Flyer

By Don Phillips ington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Do the world's cultural and regional differences play a role in aviation safety?

The Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, with some trepidation, has raised that question in an update of its authoritative 10-year survey of aviation safety.

While offering an final answer, the world's largest airplane manufacturer says initial data suggest the possihility and demand deeper study.
"We're not saying there's anything there, but we think there's something lands. Mr. Hofstede has rated most there," said Paul D. Russell, chief countries on four factors: engineer for airplane safety engineering. "We nught to study it. We think culture may be a player."

The questinn is sensitive, because it inevitably raises the issue of race, and because Boeing runs the risk of inadvertently insulting some of its customers. But the initial survey of cultural differences and accident rates offers some surprises. Boeing relied on a "cultural index"

produced by Geert H. Hofstede, an

anthropologist at the Institute of In-

ternational Culture in the Nether-

countries on four factors: • Masculinity, or need for "ostentatious manlines

"Uncertainty avoidance," the extent to which cultures are threatened by the unknown. Individualism. • "Power distance," or how much

who is seen as less powerful. Boeing then compared each factor with each country's accident rate per million departures.

Masculinity and uncertainty

avoidance seemed to have almost no relevance to accident rates. But there was a clear correlation between accident rates and the other two factors. Countries with a high rate of individualism had low accident rates, while countries where people in lower posi-

tions tend to defer more to superiors had higher accident rates. Countries with both low individinfluence a person has over another ualism and a large "power distance" index appear to have accident rates

2.6 times greater than those at the other end of the scale. The lowest accident rates were in

the United States, Australia, Britain,

Canada, New Zealand and most West European countries. In the middle were Japan, India, Argentina, Brazil, Iran, Greece, Turkey and a few other countries. At the top, with the worst rates were most Latin American countries - including Panama, Colombia and Venezuela and Asian countries such as Korea, China, Pakistan and Thailand.

"We're not handing this up as the Holy Grail," said a Boeing spokes-man, stressing that the company was

relying on someone else's research,

and that numerous other factors have

a bearing on aviation safety.

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# THE AMERICAS / THE GUN-HATERS

# A Comeback Victory for Clinton

Late Push for Crime Bill Foiled Rifle Group

By Ann Devroy Washington Pan Savia:
WASHINGTON — Shortly
before midnight Saturday, President Bill Clinton and his senior aides, lobbying frantically for the crime bill from the White House, were beginning to fear that nine days of struggling to rescue the bill would disappear

into a hole that the gun lobby had helped dig.

It was not that the National Rifle Association and its allies had added any more votes against gun control. As Repreentative Jack Brooks, a Texas Democrat, said on the floor Sunday, "The people who hate guns are in the majority right

ft was that the opponents of gun control had put together an alternative crime bill — containing no ban on assault weapons, no death penalty and little crime prevention money -that again gave Republicans, Mr. Clinton's new friends, 40 to 50 conservative Democrats and perhans even some members of the Congressional Black Caucus a reason to vote against

Congress would still get a crime package to present to voters, and one they could call a leaner, meaner scaled-back version at that. For about 24 hours, the perfect rollities of it sent waves of fear through a White House already burned by its unexpected setback on crime legislation Aug. 11.

By Sunday evening, the effort had collapsed under a strong assault by the president, his top aides and the Democratic leadership, combined with a major boost from Republicans. The comeback victory keeps Mr. Clinton's head above water in

**Away From Politics** 

unfought through northwestern Montana.

The worst blaze covered 12,000 acres (4,850

hectares) in Flathead National Forest, Else-

where in the West, more than 18,700 fire fighters were battling 30 major fires in Idaho. Montana, Utah, Oregon, Washington and

· Helicopters swarmed over Detroit neighbor-

- -

the sea of troubles that has had been a major two-pronged washed over his presidency this effort by the National Rifle As-Summer.

Administration officials, tired but relieved, said the House success did not guarantee a Seriate success, and pas-sage of a crime bill may mean little to the debate over the far larger issue of health care re-

Mr. Clinton said he had been under "great pressure" to drop the ban on assault weapons,

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and his sides said that in this fight he should be given credit for refusing to back down despite arguments that to do so would ensure an easier victory. This latest struggle is proof, if not of presidential power, at least of presidential conviction, they said.

According to administration officials, the speaker of the House, Thomas. S. Foley of Washington, and the majority leader, Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, tried in the days immediately after the Aug. 11 vote blocking the original crime bill to get Mr. Clinton to drop the gun ban for political reasons.

A senior official said, "We really had only two choices to in the alternative. win this thing: take the assault few Republicans, or try to negotiate with the Republicans, hop-40, who wanted a crime bill to

get it through." Republicans, in the face of what crime package over and done

• Two fires reared uncontrolled and partially fence. The police caught the other four within

hours of the breakout.

· A car packed with passengers ran into an-

other vehicle on a highway in Washington, killing 11 people. The accident occurred about two miles (three kilometers) north of Wenatchee in the central part of the state.

A stantman was in critical condition after

falling 25 feet (7.6 meters) from a water tower

during a mock gunfight at a theme park in Buena Park, California. Jay Mead, 29, was

sociation against the original bill. First, the association used its traditional special-interest tool of campaign contributions and threats. Second, its consultants, polisters and congressional backers helped to construct and heavily promote not a progun argument but an anti-pork argument.

In a matter of days, the argument that the measure was stuffed with liberal social theory and massive pork took hold so strongly that 225 members of Congress felt free to block a crime bill only three months before an election, shocking the White House and plunging it into another one of the cliffhanger battles that have come to characterize this presidency.

The threat was great enough, said the White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, that Democratic House leaders concluded Saturday night that Mr. Clinton would lose unless the vote were put off another day so a stronger case could be made against the alternative.

Those hours, Mr. Panetta said, gave the White House time to "pick away at the weakness-es" of the alternative by pointing out elements that Republicans wanted that would be lost

"I think in the end, the reaweapon ban out and pick up the son the Republicans stayed conservative Democrats and a with it is, number one, the assault weapons ban many of them wanted would be lost and, ing after they got some of the money changed, we could get enough of them, maybe 30 or all," he said. In the end, administration of-

ficials and congressional Dem-Mr. Clinton went with the ocrats said, the desire to have a White House officials assert with kept the coalition together.



Leon Panetta, left, a Clinton aide, celebrating with Representative Jack Brooks of Texas.

## CRIME: Struggle Over Measure Moves to the Senate

#### Continued from Page 1

of Delaware, accused Senate Republicans of being "obstruc-tionists" and predicted that political momentum and public opinion would produce the necessary 60 votes to force a final vote and send the crime bill to Mr. Clinton for his signature.

The legislation, which would be the first major crime bill enacted in six years, would allocate \$30 billion over six years from a new trust fund to hire 100,000 local police officers, build state prisons and launch crime-prevention efforts.

Besides the ban on assault

New Weapons

May Get Ax

In Pentagon

By John Mintz

Pentagon leadership has or-

dered the military services to plan for possible cancellation or

delay of nearly every large new

In a memorandum Thursday,

Deputy Defense Secretary John M. Deutch asked the army, navy and air force to draw up

specific alternatives for major

or development stages

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The

weapons, the bill's provisions been acquired after the ban would vastly expand the federal went into effect. death penalty and impose life imprisonment on repeat violent by Representative John D. Dinoffenders.

With Democrats hoping that the politically appealing bill would finally pull the crime is-sue away from Republicans, this fall's elections provided a partisan backdrop for an emotional floor debate about the nation's greatest public concern at the moment. The randomness and viciousness of sensational crimes have raised anxi-

eties about violence. Representative Cynthia Mc-Kinney, Democrat of Georgia, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus member who supported the bill despite the cut made in crime prevention, said the compromise "contains an ounce of prevention, a pound of punishment and a ton of poli-

One last-minute amendment of large-capacity gun clips, which do not bear serial numbers, from malicious prosecutions. The authorities would have to prove that the clips had been very unsuccessful."

The amendment was drafted gell, Democrat of Michigan, who guided the change into the bill on behalf of the National Rifle Association.

Just before be voted for the bill, however, Mr. Dingell announced his resignation from the rifle association's board. saying, "I find the conflict between my duties as a member of Congress and my duties as a board member of the National Rifle Association irreconcil-

Representative Jack Brooks, Democrat of Texas, another opponent of gun control, had made insistent efforts to win concessions from Democratic leaders, who rejected several proposed amendments to soft-en the effect of the assaultweapon ban.

In the end, it was he who would protect current owners conceded. "I have spent hours and hours, days and days, trying to get an amendment to the assault weapons bill," he said. "First, I tried to kill it. I have

#### Partisan Fears Open Wounds in House

WASHINGTON - Rarely has the House of Representatives been more ready for a recess. Capitol Hill has become an edgy, unhappy place in recent weeks, and the reasons run deeper than the grueling fight over the crime bill, the long delay of the August break or the immensity of the health-care chailenge.

Many lawmakers say it has simply become one of the most partisan sessions they can remember. Yes, there are moments of bipartisan cooperation, such as the hunt of the "main-stream coalition" for a health-care compromise in the Senate, or the moderate Republicans' efforts in the House on the deal for a crime bill. But those moments stand out, in part, because of their rarity.

More typical is the bipartisan wariness, the suspicions of bad faith, even the open animus. Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the Republican whip in the House, inveighed in an interview last week about "left-wing ideologues" in the White House working with "a bunch of machine politicians" in Congress, trying "to run over the rest of the country."

Two-and-a-half months before the midterm elections. Republicans sense vast opportunities to pick up seats in Congress, particularly in the House, while Democrats see signifi-

cant danger. Many Democrats seethed when Representative Dick Armey of Texas, the head of the Republican conference, told them during a recent debate over the crime bill, "Your

president is just not that important to us." There are deeper trends behind the partisanship in the House, which are related to 40 straight years of Democratic control. Of the 178 Republicans now in the House, not one has ever served in the majority; 13 of them were not even born in 1952, when the Republicans last won a majority. This nearpermanent minority status has led, perhaps inevitably, to the ascendancy of a far more aggressive, far more confrontation-

al kind of Republican leader. In other words, to Newt Gingrich

Mr. Gingrich has much to do with the climate on Capitol Hill these days. He articulates the frustrations of House Republicans, who assert that the Democrats systematically use their control of the rules to deny Republicans any meaningful role in shaping or debating legislation. And he profoundly annoys the Democrats.

"Newt Gingrich has made the House a much more partisan place," said Representative Charles E. Schumer, Demo-crat of New York. "The higher he gets in the power structure, the more partisan it becomes.

#### Mrs. Clinton Leads Husband in Popularity

NEW YORK - Hillary Rodham Clinton remains popular among Americans despite her central role in the contentious issue of health-care reform, according to a survey, which found that Mrs. Clinton enjoyed a 56 percent positive rating. far higher than the president's 40 percent approval rating.

Forty-one percent said they believed that she had too much power, while just 3 percent said she had too little. A majority said she had "about the right amount" of power. The poll was conducted between July 25 and 28 of 1,249 adults. It has a statistical margin of error of plus or minus three percentage (Reuters)

#### Quote/Unquote

Representative Susan Molinari, Republican of New York. on the bipartisan coalition that saved President Bill Clinton from defeat on the crime bill: "It only happens when the Democrats need us. It may send the Democratic Party a signal that they can save themselves a lot of heartache and embarrassment if they do it this way.'

# Fired NAACP Leader Assails Board

hoods, searching for 6 of 10 immates who Buena Park, California, Jay Mead, 29, was escaped from a prison after men on the out- supposed to fall onto a safe landing area, but

side threw a gun and wire cutters over the missed his mark and hit the ground.

By Edward Walsh ngton Post Service

BALTIMORE - The deposed executive director of the NAACP, Benjamin F. Chavis Ir., is portraying himself as the victim of a "crucifixion" and has vowed to continue to work "in the struggle of African-American people for justice, freedom and self-determina-

Less than 24 hours after the board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People voted overwhelmingly to dismiss him, Mr. Chavia convened a second

more, where more than 50 of his

allies voiced their support for him and assailed the board.
With the Nation of Islam leader, Louis Farrakhan, at his side, Mr. Chavis recalled that his selection as executive director last year "took place on Good Friday."

"Now there has been a crucifixion," he said. "But today we celebrate the resurrection."

Board members who voted to fire Mr. Chavis cited the NAACP's growing debt, now about \$3 million, and a secret

"summit conference" of Afri-can-American leaders in Balti-gineered last year in which he

gineered last year in which he committed up to \$332,400 in association funds to settle a sex discrimination complaint against him by a former em-ployee, Mary E. Stansel. Dis-closure of the settlement last month set in motion the forces that toppled Mr. Chavis on Sat-

"I think people who were quite angered by this will get over it and see we had no choice," William B. Cook, a board member from Washing-ton, said. "We had to save the organization."

recent reports from Ohio of a

scuffle between Mr. Fay, 19,

and his father, which was front-

"I cannot imagine a Chinese son, or any other Asian son, physically tackling his father. But that may happen when sons

call their fathers by their first

names and treat them as

page news in Singapore.

equals," Mr. Goh said.

weapons. The savings would pay for improvements in other Mr. Deutch's memo alarmed the military services and contractors.

The memo, obtained by The Washington Post, was intended by Mr. Deutch to be "a huge ake-up call" to the services that they will have to delay or climinate hardware programs or face deep cuts in other areas, a Pentagon official said. Mr. Deutch is "telling people

to take notice because we have very tough decisions coming,'

With the support of Defense Secretary William J. Perry, Mr. Deutch is searching for budget cuts because of costly opera-tions like Somalia, Haiti and now Cuba. Last month, the General Ac-

counting Office said the Defense Department had underestimated costs and exaggerated father and wrestled him to the savings, and would therefore ground," he said, referring to find itself \$150 billion short over the next five years.

#### DEATH NOTICE

d'ERLANGER Edwina Died peacefully after a long illness in Geneva on 18th August, 1994. Private funeral.

# Singapore's Rules for Teens

SINGAPORE - Using an American teenager who was caned here as an example, Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong says that Singapore society would be in danger if tradition-al family and moral values de-cline as they have in the West.

Among other things, he urged local children to refrain from calling their fathers by their first names.

In an annual speech that usually sets the agenda for this strictly run island, Mr. Goh warned Sunday that over-indulging children and misguided compassion erodes family val-

"Societies can go wrong quickly," he said. "U.S. and British societies have changed profoundly in the last 30 years. Up to the early '60s, they were disciplined, conservative, with

We must not unthinkingly

drift into attitudes and manners which undermine the traditional politeness and deference Asian children have for their parents and elders," he said.

dulgent upbringing of children in America had brought sorry

He used the teenager Michael Fay as an example. The youth received four lashes of a rattan cane and spent 83 days in a Singapore prison after he and other foreign youths were ac-cused of vandalizing cars and other mischief in a 10-day spree last September. "Michael Fay, back in Amer-

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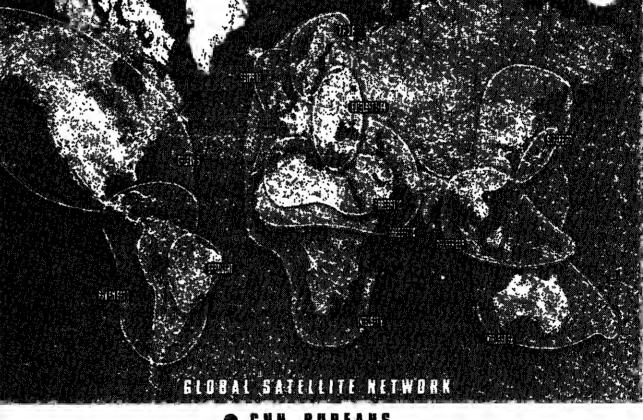
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# Simpson Blood Found Similar To Sample From Murder Site

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson's blood has the same trail leading away from the genetic makeup as blood found murder scene showed a match at the site where his former wife with Mr. Simpson's blood, acand her friend were slain, ac-cording to results of a group of cording to sophisticated DNA tests called PCR.

test results made public Mon-

ings using scientific evidence. Two samples from a blood

One of those samples also unay. derwent a more sophisticated
The results of the tests at a DNA test, called RFLP, and Maryland laboratory were con- the results showed that the tained in court papers filed by banding pattern of that blood prosecutors, who are hoping to matched Mr. Simpson's, aclink Mr. Simpson to the kill-cording to the court papers.

Don't Call Dad by His First Name, Don't Follow the West the family very much the pillar ica, got drunk and, when his of their societies."

"Many American children father and wrestled him to the

"Many American children call their fathers by their first names and treat them with casual familiarity," he continued.

Mr. Goh added that the in-

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# 4,000 Refugees Cross **Into Zaire but More Are Stuck at Border**

By Keith Richburg

hington Post Service BUKAVU, Zaire - About 4,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees moved into Zaire on Monday after long delays and confusion at a border crossing point, but tens of thousands more remained in Rwanda, unable to flee because the United Nations could not find enough trucks to transport them to camps.

The border crossing, a bridge over Ruzizi River, opened at dawn but Zairian troops closed it four hours later after about 3.000 Rwandans had crossed.

Most of the refugees crossed on foot, and some moved immediately to set up their tents in the town center, apparently in violation of an agreement between Zairian authorities and the UN High Commissioner for

Zaire reopened the bridge for a few hours in the late afternoon, to allow for a further, smaller exodus before nightfall. The United Nations agreed that any more Rwandans coming across into Zaire would be loaded onto trucks immediately at the foot of the bridge and taken directly to designated refugee

"They insisted that people be brought straight into the camps in trucks," said Kris Janowski, a spokesman for the UN refu-

With an estimated 40,000 Rwandans still waiting to cross the bridge, or on the road to the border from southwest Rwanda be said it could take a week at a news conference.

mar was another young man wearing a necklace of string and

the United States," he said,

"they say they'll send us to a

third country. Fine, I'll go to a

third country, I'll go to a fifth

country. I'll go to France or

Panama or Venezuela or any-

"I'd even go to Haiti, and that's the worst," Juan piped in.

"We just want to get out of

here, and once we're out, wher-

ever they send us we'll end up in

News of the new U.S. policy

was widely broadcast in the of-

ficial Cuban media and was

portrayed as a fresh attempt by

the United States eventually."

"Even if they don't let us into

to 10 days to move all of the refugees trying to flee Rwanda. Meanwhile, the United Nations was having difficulties at a new site, called Hongo, where the refugees are supposed to be housed. Zairians bving around the site, about a half-hour drive from the border, asserted that the land had been taken illegally and that the United Nations had no right to settle refugees

On Monday, Zairians sur-rounded and harassed UN offi-cials taking the first group of refugees to the site, but there was no violence. UN officials have said the land was leased from a private owner, and Mr. Janowski said the governor of South Kivu Province had promised to provide added security

The Zairians want to keep the refugees out of Bukavu, which is already clogged with more than 100,000 Rwandan

■ Report on Rwanda Justice

President Pasteur Bizimungu of Rwanda said Monday that two members of the Rwandan Patriotic Front had been executed and 60 others were awaiting trial for acts of revenge against people perceived to be killers, Agence-France Presse reported from Kigali, Rwanda.

The two were tried, convicted and sentenced to death by a court martial in June during the civil war between the Front and the former government, he said

the Cuban revolution.

courage the exodus.

west of Havana.

Although the official line in

Cuba is to label the rafters "ille-

gal immigrants," just as it is in the United States, the Cuban

authorities are not taking any

overt measures to halt or dis-

On Saturday night, 48 hours after Attorney General Janet Reno announced the new poli-

cy, six men and two women, all

in their 20s or 30s, carried a raft

down to the beach at La Boca,



The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata, and Prime Minister Tomfichi Murayama in Tokyo on Monday. Mrs. Ogata asked Japan to send personnel to Rwanda.

#### MEXICO: After Chaotic Year, Voters Opt for Stability

Continued from Page 1

stated with their vote an unusually strong faith in the future. Even Mr. Fernández, the

conservative runner-up, declared in a speech late Sunday that although Mexico continues to search for its destiny, "We Mexicans must be confident in the change we have started. To-

CUBA: Boatlift Is Unabated Despite New U.S. Policy the United States to undermine and a short-sleeved shirt sat on the raft and did not take part in the farewells. "Don't worry, by dawn we will be out with the Americans and they will find us," the man said, but the woman kept shak-

> The woman held herself and she was leaving if she was so afraid, she said: "If I was not meant to die tonight, I won't. Death on land, death on sea —

about 25 kilometers (15 miles) raft, and several of their com-They set the craft down on panions waded into the water to help them push off. The men the sand and began their good-byes to several relatives and started rowing. Beyond them there was nothing but darkness and the sound of waves. A woman dressed in shorts

day, Mexico is different Today, dents said their voting choice Mexico is better."

cans a greater focus on the domestic economy while assuring necessarily saying they were Washington he would not veer happy with the status quo. from the free-market strictures Sixty-five percent of the restipulated in the trade agree-

to honor his foreign trade commitment while grappling with growing income disparities at home, where nearly half the country lives at or near the poveconomic system and increas- tired of the corruption. ingly rely on free-market forces, Mr. Zedillo will have to find how the uprising affected Suninnovative ways to elevate his day's election. But the chief adelectorate's living standards.

shivered, even though it was not from which Mr. Zedillo drew zano, the liberal presidential the least bit cold. Asked why the vast majority of his support the vast majority of his support consists of farmers, blue-collar percent of the vote. workers and housewives whose incomes average less than \$400 one of the highest turnout rates per month, according to an exit in the nation, with some areas it's the same. I must go."

Survey conducted by U.S. poll-reporting more than 90 percent
The others climbed onto the ster Warren Mitofsky. The poll, attendance at the polls. Alwhich included rural and urban though the Zapatistas agreed to respondents from all 31 Mexi- take off their trademark ski can states, was sponsored by masks and put down their

was based on habit and party Mr. Zedillo promised Mexi- loyalty. But by voting to keep

spondents said they wanted Mr. His greatest challenge will be changes" in the existing economic policies.

Ine nation's attention was captured by the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army in Chiapas, which sent a dual meserty level. Because the trade sage to Mr. Salinas: Mexico's agreement requires Mexico to poor could no longer be igphase out its heavily subsidized nored, and the people were

There was no way of telling lectorate's living standards. vocate of the Zapatista struggle,
The sector of the population Cuauhtémoc Cardenas Solor-

Chiapas itself experienced The Washington Post and other weapons for the vote, the south-major U.S. news organizations. ern state was still troubled by More than half of the respon- Election Day violence.

# Just Like the Convicts Wear

#### German Resalers Capitalize on Global Demand for Jeans

Levis 501s button-fly blue three-year legal battle with Levi of revenue from dyed denims, jeans, thousands of young Eu-Stranss that ended recently in a demand for which fizzled when ropeans agree, is an old, tat- costly out-of-court-semiement. tered pair once worn by a convict or cowboy - the rough, romantic customer that Levi does not compete with its own troduction of a line of shirts and Strauss & Co. depicts in its ads.

In Germany, Europe's big-gest market for jeans of all kinds, a small army of specialized resalers capitalizes on this. Despite the best efforts of Levi Strauss to make its new jeans look and feel old, there is no getting around the fact that "used jeans simply look better and feel better," said Thomas Schumann, founder and manager of S.A.L.E., one of Germa-

ny's biggest used-jeans wholesalers.

Indeed, in Germany, an annual 1 billion Deutsche mark

out of tents of tractor-trailers.

The bulk of (\$650 million) jeans market, a abroad. It doubtless helps that new pair of 501s usually sells most used jeans are cheaper for more than 100 DM and an than new Levis, which cost \$80 ordinary used pair often costs

that much, or more. with a Mr. Schumann's S.A.L.E. has States. grown from nothing to sales of 2.5 million DM and four fulltime employees in less than three years, about the time the local used-jeans fad began.

"We used to sell new jeans, too, but we found the old jeans sold better," said Mr. Schumann. 29.

While most of the used jeans sold in Germany are hand-medowns from ordinary, law-abid-ing citizens, Mr. Schumann said some of the jeans he sells really collected from penitentiaries.

Wholesalers like Mr. Schumann buy used jeans for about \$1,000. 20 DM from West Coast distributors and then sell them to German retailers, who in turn sell them to young retro fashion. fanatics for anywhere from 69 to 120 DM, depending on how many holes they have.

demand in the eastern sections of Germany, according to Mr. abroad for \$70 or more.

By Brandon Mitchener of jeans a year, Mr. Schumann, other than to say it "consumed a former Lufthansa steward, is all our profit." FRANKFURT — The only just beginning to see a return on thing better than a new pair of his enterprise because of a

While Levi Strauss officially claims the used jeans market

sales of new jeans, it took S.A.L.E. to court in 1991 after cotton fabric. Mr. Schumann declined to settlement had cost S.A.L.E.

Continued expansion has begun to compensate for the loss

of revenue from dyed denims, the supply was cut off, and SALE has taken the "used" idea a step further with the insweaters made from "recycled"

the company started selling
50ls dyed bright orange, yellow, turquoise and other colors.

"We already had a name and it's not bad on have a second leg to stand on." "We already had a name and an image, and it's not bad to said Mr. Schumann, predicting say how much the legal battle or the idea would make new

#### JEANS: A California Gold Rush

Continued from Page 1 out of tents or the backs of

The bulk of the market is to \$100 overseas, compared with about \$35 in the United

Foreign youth is obsessed with the American past. Used Air Jordan athletic shoes from the 1980s, sweaty and soiled, can sell for \$800 in Japan.

But nothing says Made in America louder than jeans, especially the denim 501s with the button fly that Levi Strauss &

Co. has made since 1873. Kazuhiko Hanzawa, a sales clerk at Marvin's, a used-jeans and sneakers store in the Hara-juka district of Tokyo, says 501s were worn by prisoners and are are the most popular brand collected from penitentiaries. sought by teenage buyers. Prices range from \$100 to

Retail prices vary depending on the age, condition and country. The 501s without holes or stains may fetch \$40 to \$50. Vintage 501s are among the most prized; predating 1983 and known as Red Lines, they The ones with the biggest are hand cut from a single piece holes are in particularly high of fabric whose red-selvage edge is the inseam. They retail

the 1950s and '60s. The jeans are called Big E's, for the logo used until 1971 on the distinctive tiny red Levi tag. They bring \$500 to \$2,000 in Japan.

"I could easily sell 40,000 pair a month if I could find them," said Peter Anestos of Pocatello, Idaho, who became a dealer four years ago after his. business as a steel-mill equipment dismantler fell apart. "When I started, I was getting \$10 to \$13, wholesale, for the best 501s and now I'm getting \$25. Of course, the price I pay for jeans has also doubled."

Some dealers are so aggressive that they try to corner the market in certain states. Most dealers are on the West Coast because the more valuable button-fly 501s are prevalent there. Easterners tend to prefer the zipper fly because it does not let

No one believes the rage m used jeans has hurt Levi Strauss, the biggest marketer of jeans in the world. The company's sales of Levis, estimated at \$4.8 billion last year, dwarfs the nsed-jeans market.

In fact, Levi Strauss last year introduced 501s with a brokenin finish achieved by a combination of stone washing and sandblasting.

Though S.A.L.P. has been commanded by a fuller-cut and washing technology to make the elling as many as 50,000 pairs wider-legged Levis popular in worn look possible.

#### YELISIN: Flicker of Hope in Russia's Grim Economy

Mr. Kozyrev agrees that West-Having once compared pri-ern aid is far less important vatization to Stalinist collectiv-

ties and juries. Time to pass enterprises or face bankruptcy. strapped for cash or preferring practical laws governing free-market business. Time to learn steep drops in industrial pro-huge debts to one another, tonew economic behavior. Time duction, much of that drop is taling nearly \$15 billion.

This is the other side of a statistically questionable, since the Soviet Union's collapse and regain some patriotic pride.

Time to set rich enough not to regain some patriotic pride. Time to get rich enough not to feel embarrassed. Time to get used to stability itself.

For all Russia's problems, Mr. Pavlenko said: "Economic behavior among the population is beginning to change."

There are many positive signs this August.
At the VDNKh — the All-Union Exhibition of Economic Achievements — built to dis-play glories of Soviet technology and progress, memorials to Yuri A. Gagarin, the first man in space, are ignored as Russians shop for imported televisions, videos, stereos and cars. The vast exhibition ground and numerous pavilions are a form

of shopping mall. Russian stores are full of better clothes and groceries. Russians fill nightclubs, restaurants and health clubs whose prices would make a New Yorker pale. Russians are lunching and brunching with cellular phones, electronic diaries and Hugo Boss suits. Russians are building huge, crenellated brick dachas, restoring Moscow's tattered office buildings and hiring foreign accountants. Russians are pouring into once-unthinkable European vacation spots like Cyprus and Rimini, and even Paris and London.

For many people—and most Russians do not in fact belong to criminal gangs — life is get-ting better. Their salaries buy more and they are spending more, with real household consumption up 18 percent: over the same quarter last year.

In January, Prime Minister Chernomyrdin lost the most visible Westernized reformers in a government deeply divided over economic policy after the strong showing of Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky in the December elections. Mr. Chernomyrdin, 2 former energy minister and industrial manager, spoke of the need for an expansionist, big-spending budget, with inflation 22.8 percent of the party-prefer-going up to 18 percent a month.

Gaidar to blame, Mr. Chernomyrdin soon reversed himself. Not only did he begin to preach a need for low inflation and a tight hold on credits but he also enforced an economic consen sus in the government. neo-Communists.

The head of the central bank, On the negative side, of

than private investment and ization, Mr. Chernomyrdin has that time is precisely what Rus-sia needs. come to support the privatiza-tion minister; Anatoli B. Chu-Time to nurture democratic bais, and has echoed his calls institutions, like political par- for managers to reform their are striking. Companies.

If in the old days production

reports were inflated to meet quotas and carn bonuses, they are minimized now to reduce taxes and bribes.

Economists also point to electricity consumption, which has dropped only about 2 per-cent despite higher prices, as a strong indicator that private production is taking up much of

The second stage of privatization, in which the government sells its remaining 49 percent share of many companies, will bring at least \$2 billion this half-year alone. There will be more money next year, a trans-fusion that will lessen pressure to raise taxes or finagle special loans from the International

Monetary Fund. Foreign investment itself is increasing, and could total \$6 billion this year.

-managers and bureaucrats -Prime Minister Chernomyrdin has been given more leeway than Mr. Gaidar, an academic economist who represents a thinner slice of Russian life.

Mr. Chemomyrdin, to the disgust of the Communist and nationalist opposition, has been ing a more effective job.

have been helped by the new constitution forced through in ternational information clear-inghouse on nuclear smuggling, strong presidency.

Both sides agree that illegal By stressing more muscular

nationalist themes, like fighting crime and enhancing Russian prestige, Mr. Yeltsin has been co-opting the nationalist opposition, itself divided. Mr. Zhirinovsky, who won

But pressed by the West and nate Parliament, is tiring his without reformers like Yegor T. ewn supporters, half of whom would not vote for him again, according to opinion surveys. But if Russia follows other former Communist countries like Poland and Hungary, a lot of the disaffected vote will go to nco-Communists.

Viktor V. Gerashchenko, with course, there is a considerable out the former Parliament's weight of crime, corruption, support, took his cue from Mr. confusion, and economic dis-Chemomyrdin. As important, tress. While most Russians

Continued from Page 1 the bank stopped giving credits seem to be doing better, many contain the Soviet Union, may directly to enterprises but only are not. In big military-industrigued political extremism. But to the government itself.

Mr. Konney arrest that West Having once company and the factories are restrictiving. huge factories are restructuring very slowly, keeping workers on, minimum wages or forced vacations or not paying them at all for months.

Underpaid nuclear scientists

vinced that the government will not bail them out. Mr. Chernomyrdin is talking tough, but pressure to spend is growing from military, agricultural and industrial lobbies. Inflation is likely to hit 10 percent a month by autumn — not awful, but not the 10 percent a year that would mark stabilization.

#### A Nuclear Effort Continued from Page 1

dent, Mr. Stepashin said, and pledged that there would be a joint investigation, including interrogations of those con-

Last Friday, before departing for Moscow, Mr. Schmidbaner explained why German police, As a centrist representative of the country's real power clite

managers and humanists.

who had operated a "sting" in the Munich affair, did not contact Russian officials until the plutonium arrived. "Certain offices in Moscow.

could have been involved," be said, "and then the arrest. wouldn't have been possible' and the operation wouldn't,

Only small amounts of plutonium-239, about the volume of carrying out the essence of Mr. a can of soda, are required to make a nuclear device. make a nuclear device.

In a joint statement, the two He and Yeltsin, who has been sides called for closer cooperamoving into the political center, ton, including opening "conhave made a reassuring team, tact offices" in Moscow and both at home and abroad. They

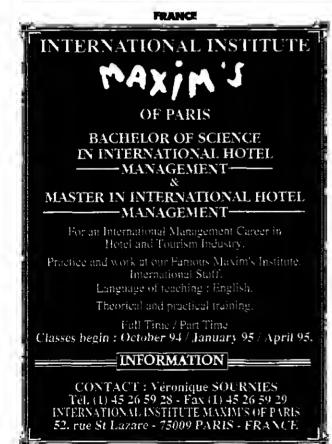
inghouse on nuclear smuggling.

Both sides agree that illegal transactions with nuclear materials, regardless of where they come from, pose serious dan-gers," the statement said. Broader and deeper coopera-tion is needed to block criminal activities in this field."

Mr. Schmidbauer also met with Yevgeni M. Primakov, di-rector of the Foreign Intelligence Service, the international side of the former KGB. That meeting was devoted less to nuclear smuggling than other mat-ters like nonproliferation and cooperation, Mr. Primakov's spokeswoman said.

The two sides prepared a more detailed memo on their talks, but it will not be made public until it is reviewed by Mr. Kohl and President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia. -STEVEN ERLANGER

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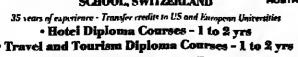
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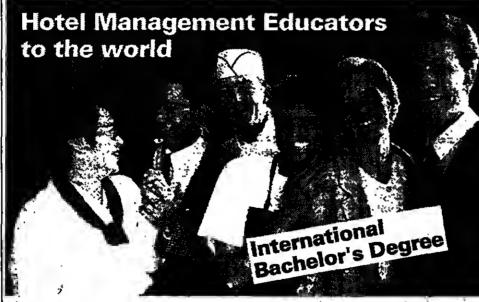
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# Radio Hint On Hitch in North Korea Succession

TOKYO - Six weeks after the death of Kim Il Sung, official press organizations are warning that "ambitious persons and conspirators? could undermine the party unless the question of the North Korean succession was solved soon.

Despite indications that Mr. Kim's son and heir apparent, Kim long II, is in power, the failure of the younger Kim to publicly assume full leadership of the Worker's Party of the secretive Communist state has left Korea-watchers wondering problem with the succession. such as a power struggle or an unwillingness by Mr. Kim to assume the post.

The broadcast Sunday by Radio Pyongyang, summarized Monday by Radio Press, a me-dia monitoring service, did not specifically indicate that such a struggle was going on, but it seemed to stray from other official proclamations that the issue of Kim Il Sung's succession had been settled.

"Historical experience shows that unless the problem of a successor of a revolutionary leader is solved correctly, ambitious persons and conspirators may, with a breach of faith, play with the party and its revo-lution," the broadcast said. "This could have a very bad

result, destroying the revolution and its foundation, thus making it difficult to realize the advancement of revolutionary vic-

Therefore, the correct solution of the successor's problem has been brought up as a seri-ons issue for the future of the

rean government, could be a possible time for the announce-

No Partying

For Deng as

He Turns 90

BEIJING — China's se-mor leader. Deng Xiso-ping, turned 90 on Mon-

day, but the birthday

Several major newspa

pers carried front-page file

photos of Mr. Deng and

commentaries praising his

contributions to the nation.

but none noted that Mon-

day was his birthday. They did carry lengthy

articles making it clear that

Mr. Deng's pragmatic poli-

cy clearly remained the of-

"Over the past 10 years

or so, China's economic development has been so fast.

the changes so momentous

— Deng Xiaoping's name
can't be separated from

that," the official People's

Wary of a personality cult similar to that which

surrounded Mao, Mr. Deng

has discouraged official ad-

ulation since he took power

Reports published this month suggested that he would spend the day quietly, with family and friends.

Officials will not divulge

anything about his activi-

nes because, they say, he is

only a private citizen who

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revolution. South Korean officials interpreted the broadcast as indicating that the period of mourning for the senior Kim, who died July 8, was nearly over and that. the official succession could be about to take place. political crisis.

Korea-watchers noted that Sept. 9, the anniversary of the establishment of the North Ko-

Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh, left, during debate Monday at a legislative session in Phnom Penh.

# Cambodia Official Bars Media in Hostage Crisis

PHNOM PENH — Prince Norodom Ranariddh, Cambodia's semior prime minister, on Monday ordered all journalists and diplomats out of southern Kamnot Province where Khmer Rouge guerrillas are holding three Westerners hostage. He said he was hopeful of a positive outcome within two or three days if media attention were curtailed.

"Not only journalists but all diplo-

The prince criticized the media and the governments of Australia, France and Britain for giving him contradictory guidelines on freeing the hostages.

"Please don't tell me 'no ransom hut no military action,' he said. He said the

three governments would oot endorse paying a ransom but opposed military action as a way to put pressure on the mats are to be withdrawn from Kampot," he said. "I'm not against the press but we want this case to be resolved Khmer Rouge captors.

Mark Slater, 28, from Britain; Jean-Michel Braquet, 27, of France, and David Wilson, 29, from Australia, were taken hostage by the Khmer Rouge on July 26. The Khmer Rouge demand \$150,000

# Nigeria Oil Officials See Crack in Strike

LAGOS—Some of Nigeria's striking oil workers returned to their jobs Monday for the first time since their pro-democracy work stoppage began more than six weeks ago, industry officials

Meanwhile, a former military ruler of Nigeria, retired General Olusegun Obasanjo, warned the government that tension remained high and urged it to free the opposition politician, Moshood K.O. Abiola, whose arrest in June deepened a year-old

"His release will ease the way

to a resolution of the conflict," said General Obasanjo, the only military ruler to have voluntarily relinquished power in

Chief Abiola, who is widely believed to have won last year's voided election, is on trial for treason for proclaiming himself president in defiance of the current military ruler, General Sani Abacha. The oil workers are demanding his release and

installation as president. Faced with the pro-Abiola oil workers strike and riots, General Abacha last week sacked the leaders of the trade unions and

tional oil firms in Nigeria said sessment on whether the strike had been broken.

"There are a few more people here today than has been the case for some time," a spokes-man for a major oil-producing company in Nigeria said. "We are still assessing the sit-

nation," another oil company official said. "It takes time." The Forcados oil terminal,

A spokesman for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. said Nigeria expected its vital oil sector - from which fuel

deliveries to the domestic economy have been hadly disrupted by the strike - to return to normal within a week.

ordered their members back to their jobs.

Officials at several multina
Nigeria, was closed over the weekend. A spokesman blamed some workers appeared to have the shutdown oo "tampering." heeded the order but said it was He had oo further octails and too early to make a general as- said Shell was assessing the sit-

# In Africa, Small Is Beautiful **Macroresults From a Micro-Aid Experiment**

countries in Africa.

By Michelle Singletary Washington Post Service

KERR WALLY, Gambia - Mamkanku Joof, bareloot and wearing a canary-yellow dress and head-wrap, proudly shows visitors the one-room storage area attached to her home. Like ber house, it is a single-story cinder-block structure with a corrugated roof. Inside are gigantic cans of tomato paste and bags of sugar, couscous and onions stacked to the ceiling.

Mrs. Joof is a trader bere in Kerr Wally. 20 miles west of Gambia's capital, Banjul.

Every day, the women of ber village walk to her tiny storeroom for supplies: spoonfuls of tomato paste for benachin, a traditional dish; a cup or two of couscous, a rice-like grain; onions for soup. When her business hours are over, Mrs. Joof secures ber storeroom with a padlock - a symbol of her success.

A year ago, a padlock was unnecessary. Mrs. Joof did not bave enough money to feed her family, let alone stock her makeshift warehouse. Like everyone else in the village, her family was struggling to survive oo a day-to-day basis.

But then Mrs. Joof and 56 other village women each borrowed sums as low as \$30 from a loan program set up by Save the Children, an international relief organization based in Westport. Connecticut. The women used the money to buy livestock, imported cloth to make traditional dresses or seeds for planting. Most used the capital to start small businesses. Now the village is prospering and experiencing a sense of economic security that it has not enjoyed in decades.

Mrs. Joof's story and that of her village illustrate bow a relatively small amount of money can have a tremendous impact when used to encourage a spirit of cotrepreneurship rather than dis-

tributed as a handout.

Save the Children and similar programs represent a major shift in how aid is being used in Africa, a move away from a patronizing way of delivering mooey to ooe in which local people are given the means and know-how to help

The new approach -called "microenterprise" —is showing success around the world. The New York-based Women's World Banking, a conprofit financial institution, bas a network of more than 50 banks in more than 40 countries that provide poor women with access to capital through microenterprise loan programs. "It's credit as a social movement; it's econom-

ic empowerment," said Madeline Hirschland, economic development specialist for Save the Children. "People in Africa are not interested in welfare."

This is another in o series of occasional articles results have been disappointing. Nearly three-dealing with the economic and social collapse of quarters of the nations of sub-Saharan Africa are classified by the World Bank as poverty-stricken. with annual per capita incomes of \$500 or less.

While economists and other development experts debate how to turn Africa around, Brian Atwood, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and others cootend that microenterprise is the one method by which a vast number of people io developing countries will be able to improve their lives through small and hasic entrepreneurial activities.

"Microenterprises are an effective way to help the world's 2 billioo poor people acquire incomes and assets," Mr. Atwood said. This kind of assistance produces significant, measurable re-

In Kerr Wally, many women are oo their second or third loan. The loans and interest income are recycled within the village, thus creating a larger loan pool each time money is borrowed and repaid. The repayment rate has been more than 90 percent, despite interest rates that can range from 10 percent to more than 20

"Microenterprise is an internally motivated approach that allows communities to take responsibility for their own development," said Diane Nell, director of Save the Children's field office in Gambia. "These credit programs are one very stroog indication that Africans are not looking for a handout. These type of programs have an iocredible impact. I've seen people who were illiterate become literate after getting a

While critics say microenterprise programs are too small to significantly address the severe problems of sub-Saharan Africa, propooents argue that the credit projects are just what the continent needs. Microenterprise can be an important supplement to the macroeconomic approaches pushed by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and other multilateral development banks, supporters in the United States and throughout sub-Saharan Africa said.

"I firmly believe macrodevelopment is not the answer, because much of the population lives at a subsistence level," said Rama Bah of the Washington-based African Development Foundation. Before there are roads, bridges and ports, you have to do something to put food in the stomachs of the majority of people that live in the rural

John F. Hicks, assistant administrator for USAID's African bureau, said: "There is no question microenterprise can be a source of ecocomic growth for the African economy." He added that the agency had become so sold on such programs that they will become a fundamental component of its development strategy. In fiscal year 1995, USAID's support for mi-Despite the relatively high levels of foreign aid to Africa over the last three or four decades, the estimated \$140 million, up from \$32 million.

# Irvin Horowitz, Times Editor, Dies

Nigeria.

New York Times Service

He spent two years in Paris in one of the Russian poets who NEW YORK — Irvin M. the 1960s as assistant news edihelped turn verse into a symbol

cause of death was a stroke.

traordinary memory for articles headline they had appeared under. He also had an encyclopedic knowledge of politics. He coordinated The Times's day-to-day coverage of the U.S. presidential campaigns in 1972, 1976, 1980 and 1984.

A. P. Blaustein, 72, a Drafter Moscow.

His wife, Marjoric, said the Of 40 Nations' Constitutions NEW YORK (NYT) - AI-Mr. Horowitz joined The bert P. Blaustein, 72, a law pro-Times in May 1957 and spent fessor who dedicated nearly most of his career on the na- three decades of his life to tional news desk, first as a copy drafting constitutions for naeditor and later as the assistant tions in transition, died Sunday national editor who coordinat- at Duke University Hospital in ed daily assignments from early Durham, North Carolina, after morning through the first-edition deadline in the evening.

A fervent believer that a con-

Mr. Horowitz had an exstitution could help a nation define its legal, pointical and moral identity, Mr. Blaustein wrote the constitutions oow in that had appeared in the paper, moral identity, Mr. Blaustein down to what page they had wrote the constitutions oow in appeared on and what kind of use in Liberia and Fiji, contributed large parts of the constitu-tions of Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Peru, and had a hand in the drafting of about 40 others, inchiding those of Nicaragua, Ro-

Horowitz, 69, an editor at The tor of the international edition of spiritual freedom in the early New York Times for more than of The New York Times. When 30 years, died Saturday in Cape he retired in 1991, he was The Cod Hospital in Hyannis, MasTimes's obstuaries editor.

Of Spiritual freedom in the early post-Stalin years, died Saturday after a long illness, the Itar-Tass news agency reported from

Carlos Vieira Dias, 75, credited with spreading the influence of Angola's rhythmical Semba musical form, died Friday lo Lisbon, where he had been brought three mooths ago for treatment of an undisclosed ill-

Julia Osrath, 86, one of Hungary's best known sopranos who was noted for her lead roles in Mozart's operas, died Saturday of leukemia, the state news agency MTI reported from Bu-

Benito Agrelo, 15, a two-time bver transplant patient who told a judge he would rather die than keep taking painful anti-rejection drugs, died Saturday at his home in Coral Springs. mania and post-Soviet Russia. Florida, after winning a court Robert Rozhdestvensky, 62, case against forcible treatment.

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### **Nuclear Black Market**

Recent reports that German police have intercepted small amounts of nuclear material on Europe's black market are a chilling reminder that the end of the Cold War brings no guarantee of nuclear safety. Indeed, the disintegration of the former Soviet Union, with its huge stockpiles of weapons and nuclear materials, may actually make the world more dangerous than it was when such materials were under police-state control.

Surely there is no more urgent task before the world's governments than eradicating this embryonic trade. Yet Russia resists, and the Clinton administration has been slow to press the issue.

The materials intercepted in four recent incidents by German authorities were not in themselves a weapon threat - the amounts of plutonium and highly enriched uranium were too small and too impure to make a bomb. What is unnerving is that these small amounts appear to have been samples designed to generate future sales of larger amounts to foreign countries or terrorist groups eager to make nuclear weapons.

There is no evidence yet that any warbeads or enough material for a bomb have actually been spirited out of Russia. But German officials were right to sound the alarm. The known seizures could be a mere fraction of the dangerous traffic.

The former Soviet Union relied on physical security at installations and close monitoring of its population to prevent anyone from making off with nuclear materials. With the police state gone, criminal

gangs proliferating and social turbulence rising, conditions seem ripe for thefts. The most immediate need is for intensified police work to intercept smugglers. That will require an unusual degree of cooperation among police and intelligence agencies in Europe and the former Soviet Union, with help from the United States.

Stronger protective measures are also required at all military and civilian nuclear sites in the former Soviet bloc. At a minimum there must be an accurate inventory; even Russian officials acknowledge that they have lost track of who possesses what nuclear material.

Only the Russians can truly fix the security breakdown, and they are sending mixed signals. President Boris Yeltsin has promised to block the trade in nuclear contraband, and many Russian officials seem eager to upgrade security. But nationalist politicians and many atomic energy officials in Russia dismiss the concerns as Western propaganda. Unless responsible leaders prevail, the task appears bopeless.
Securing Russia's nuclear stockpiles is

a matter of great urgency. Yet the Clinton administration, distracted by domestic battles and other foreign crises, has given it only fitful attention. No high-level official is working on the problem full-time, and diplomacy is going very slowly. As President Bill Clinton prepares for a meeting with Mr. Yeltsin in September, there is no more important issue for the White House to engage.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# China's Gender Balance

The philosophical tradition of Taoism is founded on the idea of balance, in nature and in buman relations. Its core principles are yang and yin, symbolizing the dualities of light and dark, sky and earth, male and female. Taoist texts teach that nature and society seek balance, and that interfering with this natural arrange-ment can bring unhappy consequences. Chinese society is rediscovering this today. As Philip Shenon of The New York Times reported last week, the balance between male and female has been skewed.

Under government pressure to limit families to one child each, driven by tradition that favors boys, belped by ultrasound and readily available abortions, Chinese families have been messing with Mother Nature in an effort to make sure their one child is a boy. The result: a stark shortage of women of marriageable age, and a lot of lonely young men.

China is not the only populous country where this has happened; a similar phenomenon is occurring in India, according to United Nations figures. Prejudice against girls runs deep in both societies, Boys have traditionally been seen as

assets in agricultural families; their work in the fields was valued. Girls were regarded as a burden; they would only move away to live with their busbands' families, and had to be provided with dowries. At times in Chinese history, female infanticide was accepted practice.

Recent news reports from both countries bave related that these prejudices die hard. In both India and China, poor families are known to feed their sons better than their daughters. Girls are less likely to survive childhood than boys. Now, with the relatively cheap new technology of ultrasound to belp identify the sex of a fetus, families can use abortion to avoid girls altogether.

The unforeseen result, at least in China, is that suddenly young women are finding themselves valued in the society that once shunned them. They are being treated with new respect, and those of marriageable age can pick and choose from a large field of suitors. They have been rescued from disdain and oblivion by a highly impersonal and newly potent principle in Chinese life: market forces.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Other Jackals at Large

served the near mythical reputation he seemed to gain as the terrorist Carlos the Jackal. To be sure, a bloody trail of Jackal. To be sure, a bloody trail of Jackal. sbootings and bombings around the globe stretching back to the 1970s and 80s confirms his infamy as a cold-blooded murderer. But be was nothing more than that. When he was flown to France last week to stand trial for the murder of two French security agents. Carlos the Jackal had become Carlos the expendable. Now a hired gun without a patron, be was too useless for even Sudan — a shelterer of international terrorists. It was authorities in Khartoum who arrest-

ed and turned him over to the French. That Carlos could have remained at large for so long is not so much a tribute to his clusiveness and skill at disguises as it is evidence of the handiwork of governments spurred to help him by motives as reprehensible as his own. From Communist Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany came a network of safe houses and official support that prevented him from being brought to justice. From Syria came an asylum that be and his family reportedly enjoyed for much of the last 10 years. But it was from his work as a hireling for international extremists including his Soviet bloc sponsors. Pal-

Illich Ramírez Sanchez never de- estinian guerrillas and radical Arab regence organizations have been on his

heels for all these years. While there are no outstanding U.S. warrants against Carlos (he apparently never targeted American citizens), Americans ought to be pleased that he has been caught and will be made to account for at least a few of the terrorist attacks be committed against innocent people. France ought to ensure that he

gets all that he has coming.
The French, who bunted Carlos for 20 years, deserve applause for their coup. And the Sudanese are entitled to thanks - although not, in light of their links to other international terrorists, to absolution - for their cooperation in the capture. Carlos's imprisonment makes the world only a marginally safer place. His successors, though, the religious fanatics, the genocidal killers, the bombers on both sides in places like Northern Ireland and Bosnia, remain. Like the gang warlords and drug kingpins who are jackals in American streets, there is nothing at all mythical about their exploits, nothing remotely romantic about their terrorism.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Other Comment

#### Northern Boost to the Union

Sweden, Norway, Finland and even Iceland seem well on their way to joining the European Union, with most of the political spectrum pushing for admission, albeit for different reasons. The left sees EU membership as a way of fostering the economic prosperity without which the expensive Scandinavian welfare states erected in the postwar period cannot sur-

vive. Conservative forces hope that Brussels will help them in their efforts to cut back the bloated welfare bureaucracies. and that EU membership will ultimately be the Scandinavians' best security guarantee against their big neighbor to the east, despite the vagueness of European security policy for the time being. In any case, the Scandinavians have as much to contribute to Europe as to gain from it.

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# A Brutal Feudal Minority May Be Destroying Nigeria

TONDON -- There was once a thriving habitation of some half a million people in southeastern Nigeria, the land of the Ogoni. It is an oil-producing area that suffered much ecological damage. That damage has received world publicity largely due to the efforts of a passionate writer called Ken Saro-Wiwa, himself an Ogoni.

A leader of the Movement for the Salvation of the Ogoni People, he exposed the plight of Ogoni to the UN Minoribes Council, calling for the recognition of the Ogoni people as one of the world's endangered minorities. He agitated for compensation for damaged crops, polluted fishing ponds and the general destruction of what was once an organic economic existence of his people.

That was some two or three years ago. Now Ken Saro-Wiwa is held in chains in a hidden prison, incommunicado. He is seriously ill with a heart condition and is totally at the mercy of a gloating sadist, a self-avowed killer and torturer of the military species, specially selected for the "pacification" of Ogoniland.

Mr. Saro-Wiwa's people have taken to the forests and mangrove swamps to survive. Those who remain in townships and villages are subjected to displacement, expropriation of their property. violence and rape. Ogoniland has been

By Wole Soyinka

One ongoing actuality of repression very easily obscures another, it is a pattern that dictatorships exploit most effecbvely. For the majority of Nigerians, Ogoni is only some localized problem, remote from the immediate, overall mission of rooting out the military from Nigerian politics, rescuing the nation's wealth from its incontinent hands and terminating its routine murders of innocent citizens on the streets of more visible

centers of opposition. The massacres in Ogoniland are hidden, ill-reported. Those that obtain the just publicity of horror are those that are attributed to the Ogoni leadership.

The accounts of such events, and careful investigations, lead to more than mere suspicion of dirty tricks to incite ethnic animosity and then bloodletting between the Ogoni and their neighbors.

The ambush of a passenger boat whose occupants were machine-gunned to death bore all the professional sophistication of a military operation, while the massacre of four Ogoni leaders by supposed Ogoni militant youths has raised serious questions about the identity of the instigators. It serves the purposes of General Sani Abacha's government, however, to por-tray the Ogoni leadership as a bloodthirsty

with military killer squads.

Ogoniland is only the first Nigerian experiment with "ethnic cleansing," authorized and sustained by the despot general. The agony of the Ogoni augurs a far more thorough subjugation for other parts of Nigeria, also in the South.

Ogoniland is, alas, only the model space for the actualization of a long dreamt-of totalitarian onslaught on the more politically sophisticated sections of the Nigerian polity, which have dared expose the power obsession of a minuscule but obdurate military-civilian hegemony.

The Ogoni people are, alas, only the guinea pigs for a morbid resolution of this smoldering inequity that was instituted by the British. The beneficiaries remain, till today, a minority made up of a feudal oligarchy and their pampered, indolent and unproductive scions.

The myth of uncritical political soli-darity in the North was not only recently exploded. Its falsity had been made manifest in earlier elections - 1979 and 1983 especially. But these were so blatantly rigged that the positive signals were drowned in the hue and cry that followed. So in a sense it was not until the elections of June 12, 1993, universally acclaimed a model of fairness, that the collapse of that fiction became irrefutable.

The pattern of voting also made it

lot. It justifies the saturation of Ogoniland abundantly clear that the so-called guif between the North and the South was an invention and that there was a line of division in the North — between the workers, peasants, civil servants, petty traders, students and unemployed on the one hand, and the parasitic elite and

feudal scions on the other. After a few noises of realism and surrender to a popular, democratic will, the reprobates of the old order recovered their breath and recollected their interests. The latest instrument of their feudal, despotic will is General Abacha.

The media and public debate - at bars, bus stops, the markets, the motor garages, staff and student clubs, government offices - have resulted in much questioning of the assumption that the nation is a single entity. On June 23, 1993, the day of the annulment of the national presidential election, the military committed the most treasonable act of larceny of all time: it violently robbed the Nigerian people of their nationhood.
We may be witnessing, alas, the end of Nigerian history.

The writer, a Nigerian novelist who re-ceived the 1986 Nobel Prize in Literature, is chairman of the African Democratic League, a Lagos-based human rights group. A longer version of this commentary appeared in The New York Times.

## An Important Role for an Evolving CSCE: Preventive Diplomacy

WASHINGTON — At the Paris summit meeting of 1990, when the leaders of 36 states signed the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, hopes were high that the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe would form the basis for a new relationship among the nations of

Europe and North America. The CSCE played a key role in opening up Communist societies and ending the Cold War. But in the messy lukewarm peace that bas followed, the CSCE bas

slipped into obscurity.

It has suffered in part from overblown expectations. Political leaders and national bureaucracies all wanted to load it with pet projects. Its core structure has remained weak and unable to manage these activities well. And the CSCE seemed unable to deal with Europe's most urgent security problems, in ex-Yugoslavia. But it has been quietly building

By John J. Maresca a record of useful innovation in the area of preventive diplomacy. It has shown it can help to head off the kinds of conflicts we have seen in the last few years; in this, it should be strengthened.

CSCE monitors were actively watching over the human rights of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo until the Serbian government judged them too effective and asked them to leave. A CSCE mission was the first to arrive in Skopje, the capital of newly independent Macedonia. CSCE missions in Estonia and Latvia are belping to defuse ten-sion between ethnic Russians and indigenous peoples.

A CSCE mission in Georgia is seeking a peaceful solution to the conflict in South Ossetia. The CSCE Minsk Group has created a face-to-face negotiating process to seek an end to the Nagorno-Karabakh war. The list goes on.

The CSCE can go places NATO cannot, because it wields no military threat and includes all the states of Europe, North America and the former Soviet

Union on an equal basis. It can shape its missions to suit. specific situations, and its consensus procedures lend these missions credibility.

The CSCE has unique potential for an effective role in the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, since all are members and have signed on to

its principles and procedures.
The CSCE, alone among international organization, has accepted the challenge of bringing these distant regions into a real relationship with the international community and saving them from isolation, while helping promote CSCE values.

Preventive diplomacy is by def-

inition tedious and low-key. But it is far cheaper than peacekeepng reconstruction or war.
We need to strengthen this pro-

cess. The traditional functions of the CSCE need not be downgraded. Its emphasis on human rights, openness, economic liberty, rule of law and democracy is more

important than ever.

To perform effectively, the CSCE needs strong leadership and a more developed structure, and its operations should be concentrated in one place. The chairman-ship of the CSCE rotates among member countries' foreign ministers on a one-year basis. But no foreign minister can give this job the attention it requires. Foreign ministers in the chairman role rarely even visit Vienna, the CSCE's main place of business.

The secretary-general position currently has only administrative. responsibilities and no real authority. It cannot provide necessary

leadership. The CSCE has virtually no permanent staff. Its institu-tions and meetings are scattered all over Europe. These features should be corrected and the organization's structure streamlined.

The next summit meeting of the CSCE, to be held in Budapest in early December, will provide an opportunity to strengthen the organization and sharpen its focus on preventive diplomacy.

Leading CSCE member states

need to propose steps that will consolidate the organization's activities in one place under a fulltime secretary-general of ministerial stature, and give that position the authority to guide the organization effectively.

The writer, former U.S. ambassador to the CSCE, is a guest scholar at the United States Institute of Peace. He contributed this comment to the International Her-

# France and Algeria: When the Status Quo Is No Longer Supportable

By William Pfaff

PARIS — The United States has Sudan on its list of outlaw states, saying that it sponsors Islamic fundamentalist terrorism. France finds that a logical reason for getting on bet-ter terms with Sudan. Who better to talk with about the prob-

A number of large conclusions have been drawn from Sudan's handing over of Carlos the terror-ist to French justice. The principal significance, however, is what it reveals - or, better, confirms -about French foreign policy.

One of the two major preoccupations of French policy today is Islamic fundamentalism. (The other is France's relationship with Germany, in the context of Europe's development.) Algeria, which until 1962 was a departe-

WASHINGTON — With-ont a doubt, Bill Clinton's

success in mustering bipartisan

support last year for the North

American Free Trade Agree-ment represented the peak of

his effectiveness as a national

leader. The NAFTA victory

also enhanced his international

credibility, and helped pave the

way for another important trade

success, which remains to be fi-

Uruguay Round of global trade negotiations under GATT.

Against a background of un-

sure direction in other areas, do-

mestic and foreign, President

Clinton's NAFTA success was a

shining exception, a prototype of

the proper exercise of political

power backed by a commitment

to the principle that the public interest must be supported

against narrow special interests.

It required the president to confront some of the most en-

trenched power bases in the

Democratic Party, notably or-

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Lane Kirkland's AFL-CIO, and

House Democratic leaders, Ma-

jority Leader Richard Gephardt

and Majority Whip David Bon-

ior, who are closely identified

In the course of constructing

the NAFTA victory, Mr. Clin-

ton also had to take on a hostile

coalition of strange bedfellows

-- Ross Perot, the consumer ad-

vocate Ralph Nader and the

America-firster Patrick J. Bu-

chanan. The anti-NAFTA cabal

insisted that Mr. Clinton was

Despite Mr. Perot's scary

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giant sucking sound" as Ameri-

can jobs were transferred to

Mexico, Mr. Clinton wisely un-

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ment of France itself, not a colony, retains a special relationship with France in terms of the legal status of Algerians in France and their right to travel between the countries.

significant influence in Algerian education and cultural life. All of this is jeopardized by the

attempt of extreme Islamists to drive all foreigners and foreign influences out of Algeria. The French also fear that a

fundamentalist victory would inspire not only much of the French-speaking intellectual and middle classes to look for refuge in France, but also thousands if not bundreds of thousands of ordinary Algerians who do not

As With NAFTA, So Now With GATT

By Hobart Rowen

derstood that NAFTA, to the

contrary, was an economic stim-

ulus package for the United States. While it might cost some

American jobs here and there, it

would produce a vastly greater

number of new, better-paying

He was right. On Thursday the Commerce Department an-nounced initial NAFTA results:

for the first six months of 1994

growth of exports to Mexico and

Canada created an estimated net additional 100,000 jobs in the

United States. Much of that can

properly be attributed to the

changes triggered by NAFTA.

As of June 30, only 4,820

Americans were able to claim that NAFTA had cost their

jobs. So much for Mr. Perot and

his "giant sucking sound."
U.S. exports to Mexico and

Canada grew more than twice as

fast as exports to the rest of the

world. For the second month in

a row, U.S. exports to Mexico in June, at \$4.2 billion, exceeded

those to Japan. As befits a mu-

mally beneficial treaty, imports

from Mexico and Canada aiso

The American export gains

since NAFTA have been across

the board, but especially nota-

hle for antomobiles. In the first

five months of this year, ex-

ports of cars to Mexico totaled

12,830, compared with 3,630 in

the same period of 1993, an

increase of 241 percent. Union

leaders ought to find a bum-

It has been plain for many

months that NAFTA is living

up to the expectations of its backers. In Mexico, economic

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jobs at home.

want to live under the social and political repression of a fundamentalist government.

The policy of Paris therefore is a double one. France formally he countries. supports the present military-backed "transitional" Algerian investment in the Algerian economy, and until now has retained a against fundamentalist militants. (The fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front won the first round of national elections in 1991; the government canceled the second round, and there has been mount-

ing violence ever since.)
France's interior minister, Charles Pasqua, recently criticized Germany and the United States because fundamentalist militants are allowed to function there and publicize their cause. His police have been rounding upand interning Algerians in France

growth in the second quarter was the fastest in two years, stimulated by a big bulge in

Thus, some wonder why Mr.

Clinton, needing a success story

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tigation and other personal at-

tacks, has not been pointing

It's no mystery. The White House must be careful not to rub

it in. If Mr. Clinton brags loudly

about how successful NAFTA

has turned out, he will be saying

how misplaced were the worries floated by Mr. Kirkland, Mr.

Gephardt and Mr. Bonior. The

president desperately needs their support to help salvage health

care, the crime bill, the rest of

his legislative agenda and final approval of GATT.

But be can't get all this legis-

lation through just by relying

on Old Democrats. As Al From

of the Democratic Leadership

Council recently pointed out.

the president needs help from a

broad coalition, just as he had

but it won't be easy. To be suc-cessful in obtaining GATT con-

firmation by Congress, he will

have to win the backing not only of the old pro-NAFTA co-

alition but also of a group of

pro-environment members of

Congress who want the admin-

istration to ensure that protec-

tion of the environment will be

a priority in future trade discus-

sions. But if he goes far enough

in this direction to satisfy the

environmentalists, he risks los-

ing support from Republicans,

who don't want the environ-

ment tied to any future deals.

The Washington Post.

He has an opportunity here,

with NAFTA.

manufactured exports.

with pride to NAFTA.

thought to be linked to fundamentalist militancy. However, the French are also

reinsuring. There have been complicated and ambiguous transactions conducted in obscurity between France and Sudan, some of them allegedly facilitating the Sudanese government's war against the Christian and animist peoples in southern Sudan who resist the country's Muslim government. France's intention is to gain

Sudan's help in dealing with the Algerian fundamentalists. Not in communicating or negotiating with them — that could be done in a Paris restaurant - but in influencing them.

The supposed theoretician of Sudan's military government is a Paris-and-London-trained Muslim intellectual and academic, Hassan Tourabi, now dean of the Khartoum University Law School, formerly a high govern-ment official. He is accused by many in the West, as well as by the Algerian and some other secular Arab governments, of being an ideologist of terrorism.

However, he is himself quoted as criticizing the Iranian revolu-tion for its "lack of maturity and of values." He says the fundamentalist government of Saudi Arabia is merely a family dicta-Arabia is increay a ramily dicta-torship, where, among its other faults, "the situation of women is very bad." His own country, he says, is trying "an experiment which has only begun," but which is meant to avoid the excesses or

errors of Iran and Saudi Arabia. The French believe that he is at least a man the West can talk with, while acknowledging (as a profile of him by the French journalist Gilles Millet observes) that he speaks "a double language," simultaneously lending support to the demands of the most radical for the demands of the demands of the most radical for the demands of the demands of the most radical for the demands of the most radical for the demands of the demands cal fundamentalists abroad and

"affirming to the West that he is capable of controlling them." It is a characteristic French policy, supple and realistic in French eyes, duplicitous or im-moral to others. But it is a coher-

ent policy, one consistent with what always has been France's pobcy in postcolonial Africa. The French position is conservative, in the sense described by the 19th century American writer Ambrose Bierce. He said the conservative "is enamored of existing

evils, as distinguished from theliberal, who wishes to replace" them with others." The French have always attempted to maintain stability and order (and peace) in their African zone of influence by supporting the powers in place. so long as those established powers did not become totally repellent. When that bappens, Paristries discreetly, usually but not

always with success, to facilitate their replacement. That, of course, is what was going on in Rwanda earber this year, when France brokered the power-sharing arrangement between Hutu and Tutsi that was destroyed by the murder of the presidents of both Rwanda and Burundi, who had agreed to the

arrangement. Genocide followed. It is reasonable to surmise that. this is what is going on with respect to Aigeria.

Paris is considering the future. The present Algerian government's days clearly are numbered. The power that succeeds has to be acknowledged and dealt with — and influenced. The gift to Paris of Carlos was merely an incident in events larger than himself. He was a goodwill gift. He might even be. called a victim of terrorism.

International Herald Tribune. C Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1894: Pneumatic Gun

1919: League to Brussels

League of Nations is to be moved from Geneva to Brussels. The official announcement of the change will be forthcoming soon.

It constitutes a victory for the Beigian Government. The reason for the decision is to be found in the discontent of gallant little Belgium with the treatment that she received at the hands of the

#### 1944: Nazi Warning

LONDON — [From our New York edition:] Reports of lighting

in Paris between German troops

#### NEW YORK - A test of a new

pneumatic gun was made yester-day [Aug. 21] at the Sandy Hook proving grounds. A charge of 500lb, of dynamite was fired a mile and a half. There was a tremendous explosion, which raised an acre of water to a height of 100ft.

PARIS - The seat of the future

Peace Conference and also questions of convenience.

#### and French patriots using light artillery were followed tonight. [Aug. 22] by a Nazi threat from Radio Paris to use "the most. drastic measures to smash anyattempt at an uprising." At the same time General Joseph Pierre Koenig, newly appointed Military Governor of Paris, and the De Gaullist administration appealed anew to the population to remain calm and disciplined "for a few days more." Radio Paris broke another day-long silence to broadcast the German threat. Resistance to law and order is being offered," the spokesman-said. "The German Army will use"

the most drastic measures to re-

press acts of civilian insubordina-

tion and to smash any attempt at

# Much Disregard for the Truth

WASHINGTON — In Washington, the White House special counsel, Lloyd N. Cutler, likes to say, trust is the coin of the realm. By that measure, the Clinton White House is flat broke when it comes to its dealings with the reporters who cover it.

To borrow a phrase from the law of libel, the Clinton White House often seems to be following a pattern of knowing or reckless disregard for the truth. Apparently putting its short-term political interests ahead of accuracy, it regularly fails to provide trustworthy information, whether out of inability, unwillingness or both. Examples of this inclination range from trivial to

significant, but they are legion.

Why was the entire White House travel office fired? The White House claimed it was forced to act after discovering a pattern of shocking mismanagement and missing funds. In fact, it later developed, the dismissals came after a Clinton aide maneuvered to get the travel office job for

#### We expect political whoppers from presidents. But facts provided by the White House should be accurate.

herself, Bill Clinton's close friend, Harry Thomason, complained about the office operations,

and Hillary Rodham Clinton suggested that it was time to get "our people" in these.
How did Hillary Clinton make \$100,000 trading commodities? The White House first refused to reveal the size of her initial investment. Then, after a news report said she put no money down, it disclosed that she started with \$1,000. It initially said she managed to parlay that minimal investment into \$100,000 by studying the market, reading The Wall Street Journal and consulting with her friend firn Blair. When thatexplanation was greeted with skepticism, the story changer again — she relied almost entirely on the advice of Mr. Blair, who executed most of the trades for her.

The White House also said at first that Mrs. Clinton lost money on a second trading account, only to declare that "inoperative" when it discovered that she actually reaped a \$6,500 profit. And President Clinton asserted that his wife had stopped trading when she received a margin call while pregnant with Chelsea, an event: those papers had been given by the counsel's the White Honse was forced to concede had office to the Chintons' personal lawyer. There the White House was forced to concede had never taken place. .

golf outing by a senior White House side? One, the White House residence. White House officials gamely insisted to report. At her press conference in

was he subpoented? Voluntarily, the White House said for weeks. Then its spokesmen discovered that department lawyers had been about to subpoena the files and that the president's cording to whom he thought should have the outside lawyer had been busy negotiating the terms of the subpoena.

What was the topic of discussion when Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman met with top White House officials about the Madison. Guaranty investigation in February? Only a procedural briefing on the statute of limitations, the White House insisted. As the Whitewater bearings showed, the meeting also featured a heated ssion, taking up as much as half the session, on whether Mr. Altman should step aside from overseeing the sensitive case...

Did the president have any guests at Camp David when he spent a weekend there in late. had been at Camp David with Vice President and Mrs. Al Gore discussing the new job.

The subject here is not the political whoppers that are the province of any president, such as cover it. The corrosion breeds cynicism among proclamations of full confidence in an official reporters, which in turn contributes to a siege proclamations of full confidence in an official who is in fact halfway out the door. Nor is it the simple refusal to discuss information that the White House wants to keep secret. Administration officials understandably decline to comment all the time about subjects that they consider too sensitive for public discussion. Keeping some things confidential is the administration's Washington Post.

job — just as finding things out is the press's job. It is perfectly natural for the White House and the reporters who cover it to be at odds. But when the White House provides facts, they should be accurate. And if a mistake is made imadvertently, it should be quickly corrected.

A minor example from last week is a case in point. For a story on Mr. Clinton's search for a new White House counsel, a senior official authorized to speak for the White House twice assured me that Mr. Clinton had not yet met with the man he ultimately chose for the job. Judge Abner J. Mikva. The story duly reported that as fact; it was not. If the White House did not want to say whether Mr. Clinton had met with Mr. Mikva, that was its choice. But if it chose to speak, it had a duty to speak accurately.

The White House communications office has been much criticized, but it is not the villain in this tale. And as Chief of Staff Panetta weighs revamping the office, it would be wrong to think that this problem will be solved by installing new faces there. Consistently, the communications office has tried to provide correct information. But it has been stymied and stonewalled by people elsewhere in the administration who have made command decisions not to tell the communications office the full truth.

Senior officials and the Clintons themselves have remained silent as officials who speak in the name of the White House relayed inaccurate information to reporters.

Consider the case of the Whitewater papers removed from Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster's effice. A year after the fact, the White House disclosed that those papers were given to Hillary Clinton's chief of staff, Margaret Williams, who took them to a closet in the White House residence, whence they were later turned over to the Clintons' personal lawyer - an account thoroughly at odds with a series of earlier White House explanations.

After Mr. Foster died in July, the White House explained that documents from his office had been divided into two categories: official papers, which were parceled out to others in the counsel's office, and Mr. Foster's personal papers, which were given to his family's lawyer. What the White House left out — deliberately, it later emerged — was a third category of papers transferred to the Clinton family lawyer

Months later, reporters learned that a Whitewater file was among the documents removed from Mr. Foster's office. The White House acknowledged that this was true, and said was no mention of Margaret Williams's role or Was one helicopter or two used in the famous 'the fact that the documents had been taken to

At her press conference in April called to aners, until discovering, to their chagrin, that swer all questions about Whitewater, Mrs. Clinas second was involved. ton was asked directly about rumors that Ms. Did the president voluntarily turn over Williams had removed documents from Mr. Fos-Whitewater papers to the Justice Department or ter's office, "I don't think that she did remove any Williams had removed documents from Mr. Fosdocuments," the first lady said. Bernard Nussbann, then the White House counsel, "reviewed the documents, and ... distributed the files acm ... and there were these personal files of ours that went to our lawyer."

Earlier this month, prompted by hints in docoments released in connection with the Whitewater hearings, the real facts began to emerge. Finally, when asked about the docu-ments, White House officials decided it was time to get out the true story. But by then, a story of no apparent significance had become newsworthy, because the press realized that the Clintons in the Middle East if the Israeli and their aides had put out a series of incorrect and Syrian occupation of Lebaaccounts about what happened to the papers in non is not brought to an end. President Hafez Assad of Syria of a coming anarchy, or are they

Mr. Foster's office. In the process, the White House reinforced the would not accept any settle and independent Lebanon, free better world? Only time and the aura of intrigue that has surrounded Mr. Foster's ment that did not restore Leba- of all foreign forces." June? No, the White House said — until it made— aura of intrigue that has surrounded Mr. Foster's the big amouncement, a few hours later, that death and, as many White House officials rueful-Leon Panetta would be the new chief of staff and by concede, helped fuel the Whitewater story. Nineteen months of repeated falsehoods and

half-truths have corroded the relationship between this White House and the reporters who mentality inside the White House. To judge from the public opinion polls, that is hurting the administration at least as much as it is annoying the White House press corps.

The writer covers the White House for The

## Islands Across America Where 'Do Not' Is the Law

CHICAGO — This summer the U.S. Supreme Court struck down an ordinance in Ladue, Missouri, that prohibited homeowners from posting signs on their property.

The suit against the town was brought by a resident who had been fined in 1991 for putting an anti-Gulf War poster in her window.

The court held that residential signs are a venerable means of communica-

#### MEANWHILE

tion that "reflect and animate change in the life of a community." Yet for 32 million Americans, this decision means nothing. The right to post signs remains one of many that they are not guaranteed in their homes.

These people live in common-interest developments: tightly controlled communities of condominiums, co-ops or single family homes. The communities are set up by real-estate developers and ruled by homeowners' associations whose main interest is protecting property values, not constitutional rights. Many of the 150,000 homeowners'

By Evan McKenzie

associations in the United States have banned signs, children, spouses below a certain age, pets, day-care centers, satellite dish antennas, the use of one's back door, pickup trucks and even goodnight kisses on front steps.

And they have done this with impunity. The U.S. Constitution protects individuals against the "state action" of governments at all levels (as in Ladue), but courts view homeowner associations as voluntary, private organizations. Yet the boards of these associations (which are usually unpaid and elected from the residents) wield the same power as city councils.

They collect taxes and provide public services, including police protection, street cleaning, snow remov-al, trash collection and park administration. They enforce detailed codes of behavior and property maintenance through fines and liens on residents' homes.

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A side agreement in the Syri-

an-Israeli track would commit

Israelis to disarm the South

Lebanon Army and Syria to disarm Hezbollah. Both sides

Israel and Syria would then withdraw all of their troops from

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territory, including the northern

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WHAT THEY'RE READING

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Lebanon is way beyond bege-

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The Syrian relationship with

New York.

would bring a lasting peace.

that are unchecked by many civic laws. In this public policy vacuum, they have become a regulatory Frankenstein's monster, seeking to eradicate any behavior that might conceivably

pose a threat to property values. Developers and homeowner associations say residents have consented to obey the rules before buying their units. But in many cases that consent is hardly voluntary.

Because common-interest developments are often the most affordable housing available, many people may have little choice but to live in them.

In Orange County, California, the median price of a common-interest home is \$45,000 less than that of a single-family house. Developers keep the prices low hy squeezing more peo-ple onto less land — they build narrow streets and replace large individual yards with communal spaces.

And cines and towns are only too glad to allow developers to huild neighborhoods with their own parks. roads and sewerage systems, allowing In effect, these common-interest de- the city to collect more property taxes velopments have private governments without increasing public services.

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sary regulatory framework to keep pace with these changes

and to facilitate the introduc-

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For the Permanent Secretary

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(Communications).

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As a result, common-interest developments are the fastest-growing form of new housing in America. David Gibbons, the former president of the Community Associations Institute, the iodustry's leading trade association, said in 1992 that by the year 2000, 25 percent to 30 percent of Americans would be living in community associations.

And the more these associations grow, the more vital it is that they be subject to government regulation. Constitutional protections are meaningless if they do not apply in your own home, and when powerful private organizations act like governments. they should be treated as such.

Otherwise, each development should be required to post a sign: "Warning: You are leaving the juris-diction of the U.S. Constitution. Check your rights here, and take them with you when you leave."

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### What About Sanctions?

Regarding "On a Continent of Chaos, a Success Story" (Aug. 5): The report states that "a lowlevel insurgency" in Rhodesia "forced the white regime of Prime Minister Ian Smith to ne-

gotiate a turnover of power." There is, however, nearly unani- would hand their weapons and mous agreement among the seized territory to the Lebanese "pros" that international pres- Army, which would be the sole sure played a role, probably the presence on Lebanese territory major role, in the Rhodesia de- to maintain security. ocment. Indeed, this is regarded as one of the signal successes of international sanctions. I my Lehanon. Fresh elections in self heard Ronald Reagan's na- Lebanon, under international tional security adviser, Robert supervision, would allow the formation of a government of national reconciliation, Such a government of power in Rhodesia" as one of Immy Carter's emment would then move to foreign policy accomplishments. secure control of all Lebanese

SAM ABRAMS Rochester, New York.

# Lebanon and Peace

Regarding the news analysis
"Syria May Ask for Lebanon as
Price of Peace" (Aug. 9) by Joseph Fitchett:

Indications that U.S. officials might go along with a deal in-volving Syrian control over Lebanon in return for peace with Israel will seriously undermine the role of the United States as guarantor of a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

There can be oo lasting peace in the Middle East if the Israeli Clinton assured our organiza- increasingly repressive future?

non's independence. Lebanese liberation movements, such as that of General Michel Aoun — Lebanon's legitimate prime minister, toppled by the Syrian Army in October 1990 — and other Lebanese opposition parties, now conducting a passive nonviolent resistance, may find themselves forced into active resistance like that of Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The suggestion that the Israeli-Lebanese track of the peace

#### process be left to the very end, and not attached to the Israeli-Blockade of Armenia Syrian one, should be given se-

Regarding the editorial "Fo-cus on Azerbaijan" (Aug. 12): The decision by the U.S.

Congress to restrict aid to Azerbaijan has to do with Azerbaijan's blockade of Armenia and not "ethnic politics." The blockade is a violation of international law. If anything, the sanctions should be lightened ALEX ZEYTOUNIAN.

Croydon, England.

#### After the Nation-State

Regarding "The Nution-State Is Declining, but No Replace-ment Is at Hand" (Opinion, Aug. 4) by Nicholas Colchester.

The nation-state fostered colonialism and the subjugation of continents, as well as two murderous world wars and the ment could then sit with Israel at wrong-headed notion of "my the negotiating table and finalize country, right or wrong." That it may be fading should not be a cause for sadness. But the force, or forces, that may replace it rightly make us uneasy.

Are such things as the possihly strengthening United Na-The Council of Labanese tions, the halting steps of Europe American Organizations is deepto create some sort of union, and troubled by this report, which the rise of regional economic is based on remarks of Arab and groupings such as the Associa-U.S. diplomats. We are outraged tion of South East Asian Nathat anyone would even contem- tions portents of a brighter toplate such a trade-off. In a letter morrow? Or are they merely lipdated Aug. 1, President Bill service oo the way to an tion that he had allumed to Are Bosnia and Kwanda The Lebanese themselves U.S. support for a sovereign anachronisms on the way to a actions of right-minded men and women will tell.

GERALD C. HARDY. Manchester, Connecticut,

#### The Tide of Competition

Regarding "Singapore Telecom Opposes U.S. Call-Back Firms" (Business/Finance, July 26):

ation. Why would President Assad want to contemplate a We have stated publicly on trade-off with something that numerous occasions that we are pro-competition and recognize that global competition in telecommunications is an irrevers-

#### ible tide. We do not wish to go against this tide or shut it out. Footwork May Be Vital

Regarding "Jarring Prospect for otherwise we lose our compeu-U.S. Golfers: A Foreign Slam" and "Europeans Making Inroads on LPGA Tour, Too" (Aug. 9): tive edge as a telecommunica-

We welcome strong links with the United States, Europe There is much speculation and Japan as husiness partners. about the decline of American We are prepared to meet any golfing dominance. It's really challenges head-on and plug quite simple. Tomorrow's golf ourselves into the world, even if greats come from the teenage this affects Singapore Telecom. Call-back and international calling card services are just two golfers of today. European youngsters rarely ride in golf carts, American youngsters of many types of services which will compete against Singapore

rarely don't. While walking the course, one develops an appreciation of the unique challenge of each shot. One develops a better understanding of the lie of the ball, the lay of the land and the effects of wind and water,

If there is a mystical treat in the game of golf, it lies in the footsteps following a whimsical little white ball, a quest powertional telecommunications ful enough to hring a temporary hiatus to today's split-second modern pace. America's best chance may

be to convince clubs in other countries to increase tee-off turnover hy buying U.S.-made golf carts. Let's bring them down to our level if we can't live up to theirs.

DANIEL ANTOPOLSKY. Fargues-Saint-Hilaire. France.

#### **CHESS**

By Robert Byrne ISWANATHAN ANAND beat Oleg Romanishin in the quarterfinals of the PCA world championship.

The Chigorin Defense to the Ruy Lopez arises after 10...c5. It breaks open the position, after 12 Nbd2, with 12...cd 13 cd ed 14 Nd4 Re8 15 Nfl Bf8 16 Ng3 Rc8 17 b3 d5. Anand avoided that by closing center early with 12 d5.

Before Anand could gain space on the queenside with 16 a5 17 b4, Romanishin did his best to limit the mobility of the pawns in that sector with 15...ba 16 ba Nc4 17 Bcl Na5. But Anand's 18 Qd3 threatened to mount pressure with 19 Na3,

20 Nfd2 and 21 Nac4. Romanishin played 18...c4 19 Qe2 Qc7 20 Ba3 Nb3. Romanishin's 22...Bd7 was

countered by Anand's 23 Ne5! On 23...h2 24 Rahl Ba4, Anand offered the exchange of queens with 25 Qc4!, but Romanishin declined since 25 Qc4 26 Nec4 Rfb8 27 Nb2 produces a win ning endgame for Anand.

.Anand was wary about traj ping a piece with 32 g3. But h did not mind securing his cente with 32 f3!? even though thi weakened the dark squares in the neighborhood of his king He was satisfied to have the position after 37 Reh2, where he retained his extra pawn and his protected passed d5 paw far outweighed the passed hu insupportable enemy a5 pawn.

Anand's 46 R7b3! was a ke part of his squelching Romani shin's attempts at counterplabecause 46...Qg3? could now be smashed by 47 f4. Romanishin's self-weakening

50 ... g5 was a deliberate effort to



Rg3!, Romanishin could not follow through with 51...gf? because of 52 Rg4 Qd8 53 Qd4 f6

Anand destroyed the defense with 58 NeS! fe 59 Rg3 and supported his d7 pawn after 59...Rfd8 60 Rdl Ra7 61 Rgd3. After 61...g4, Anand played 62 Qc6! Since 62...gh 63 Rh3 Qg7 64 and 62...Qh5 63 Qe6 Raa8 64 Qe7 Kh8 65 Rg3 were both annihilating, Romanishin

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#### **BOOKS**

IN TOUCH: The Letters of Paul Bowles

Edited by Jeffrey Miller. 604 literary celebrities as an unpages. 130. Farrar Straus Gir- known teenager from Queens

Reviewed by Jack Sullivan DAUL BOWLES became leg-I endary long before he became popular. Author of The Sheltering Sky" and grand old man of the Beat Generation, he was unknown to the general. public until fairly recently; but as Gore Vidal put it, he was "famous among those that were famous" half a century ago: "In some mysterious way, the arigrandees wanted, if not the admiration of the Bowleses (seldom granted), their tolerance."

That is one reason these newly published letters — about 400 of them, selected from more than 7.000 pages — are a major publishing event and an endless source of fascination. As writer and composer, Bowles knew just about everybody in the lit-

he was a tireless correspondent. Indeed, the letters he sent to provided his entrée into those worlds. "I was sure from your letters that you were an elderly gentleman." Gertrude Stein told him when he showed up on her doorstep. "A highly eccen-tric gentleman," added Alice B.

Toklas. Editor Jeffrey Miller is thus only slightly exaggerating when he calls these letters "a chronicle of the avant-garde for the better part of the 20th century." Here are vivid, ironically ob-served sketches of Cyril Con-nolly, Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, W. H. Auden, William Burroughs, Allen Ginsberg. Virgil Thomson, Carl Ruggles, Elia Kazan, and many others. We also get shrewd com-ments on the ideas and work babits of Bowles's many collab-orators, including Tennessee Williams, William Saroyan, and Bowles's wife, Jane, all of whom

erary and musical worlds, and he wrote stage music for, and more recently Bernardo Bertolucci, who filmed "The Sheltering Sky."

Providing intimacy but also distance, letter-writing has always been the ideal format for Bowles, the ultimate expatriate, who has spent 50 years living in Tangier and other outposts. "One of the pleasures of being away," he wrote Peggy Glanville-Hicks about his many friends, "has always been that I could have news of all their scrahblings and at the same time be preserved from taking part in the scrimmage." Eventu-ally, the "scrimmage" came to him, evoking decidedly amhiva-lent feelings, as when the Ginsberg-Burroughs cotourage came to Tangier in the early '60s: "The Beatniks have invaded Tangier at last," he wrote his parents. "Every day one sees more beards and filthy bluejeans, and the girls look like escapees from lunatic asylums."

Written between 1929 and

as ceremoniously formal as wildest fiction. The most personal and

communicate the solipsistic ec-

Bowles's public persona or as surreal and off-the-wall as his

touching are the letters to Jane Bowles during her protracted um every day and claims it does him a great deal of good. I dare-say it does." William Burroughs "all workers are born to be crushed." His fellow lefties whole thing as a joke.

illness. They are always surprising. Jean Cocteau "smokes opiis America's "foremost humorist." One of the funniest letters is a mock-fascist diatribe from 1931, in which he declares that would not forgive him, nor were they amused when he explained that he had been out getting drunk the day before with Ezra Pound and had meant the The most haunting letters

moon.

 Sonia Rykiel, the designer is reading "Le Sexe et l'effroi hy Pascal Quignard.

Reproductions of frescoes

from Pompeii, Naples and Sicily illustrate eroticism, fear and lust in ancient Greece and Rome. The beautifully written text is giving me a mystic, organic insight into the fascinating history of passion." (Margaret Kemp, IHT)

hallucinations, evokes any landscapes more to his liking than this one I see from my window on nights of full It is in this endless desert, this

"puritanical Eden." that Bowles tracked down the Andalusian, Berber, and other forms stasy Bowles experiences in the of Moroccan music that he re-Sahara. The sense of place is as corded for posterity. The letters powerful as in his travel essays. on these musical explorations In Morocco, Bowles wonders have an exhilarating sense of wrote "if Poe, in his most extravagant discovery and are themselves Past.

musical masterpieces: "And when you have a hundred or more of those incredibly high, piercing, hirdlike voices doing flamenco-like runs in different keys, from different minarets. against a background of cocks crowing, you have a very special and strange sound."

Jack Sullivan, chair of American Studies at Rider University, wrote this for The Washington

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tion program, which sets aside a percentage of its construction budget for art. (Nearly \$1 billion will go into improving

the transit system between 1992 and 1996.)

The seeds of the current program were planted in 1982. "Two things happened," Feuer said. "The city got a percent-for-art law, and the MTA under Richard Ravitch got its first capital program." As a state agency, the transportation authority was

not bound by the art law, which stated that 1 percent of the construction budget of public buildings should be set aside for art. In 1985, Arts for Transit was established as a division of the transit authority. In

addition to the permanent arts program,

which is run by Sandra Bloodworth, it

mounts temporary exhibitions, establishes

exhibition centers that present shows with curators from lesser-known cultural insti-

tutions and presents musical perfor-

For each station that the transportation authority has decided to place art in, an artist is chosen by a panel generally con-sisting of two arts professionals, one artist

and an architect from the relevant transit

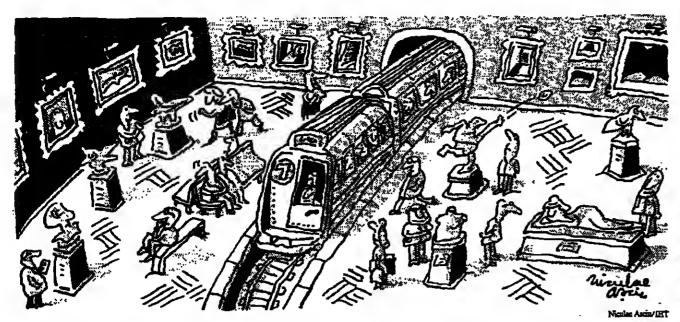
question has a practical and an aesthetic component. "Doable and durable is our driving concern," Bloodworth said. In this sense, a good work is a sturdy work that requires no maintenance. The art should also be popular. "I think

it's important for the work to be visually accessible," Bloodworth said. "It's important that the public get it, although they don't bave to on the first take."

OOMING over the entire enter-

prise is a knotty question: What

makes good subway art? The



# Subway Stylists Grace New York

By William Grimes New York Times Service

EW YORK — At the 116th Street subway station, near Columbia University, riders have a choice. They can plop down on

Astor Place, the heroically proportioned chair, which follows the station's diamond tile motifs, has won a following. Riders approach, circle and appraise it. Some sit. Others watch. The thing is popular.

It is also on its way to becoming the rule rather than the exception in the city's subway stations. Since 1985, Arts for Transit, New York's least orthodox commissioner of public art, has placed 50 works in the subway stations, the stations of the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad and the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel. Forty more artworks have been commissioned or are in the planning

So far, Arts for Transit's permanent program has installed more than \$2 million worth of art, extending geographically from R. M. Fischer's giant Deco elock at the entrance to the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel to Orlando Briseno's cast-aluminum relief sculptures on the platform columns at the North White Plains station of Metallian Station of Me

"I believe there are two places where it's other is subways," said Wendy Feuer, the part because the arts program is driven by director of Arts for Transit. "I believe the transit authority's station-rehabilita-

people love art and want it in their lives." Whether they want it in the subways or not, Arts for Transit is giving it to them, in a wide variety of forms, created by artists known and unknown.

The Westchester Square-East Tremont station on the No. 6 East Side IRT line in the standard-issue seats, or they can sit in "Railrider's Throne," a steel artwork designed by Miehelle Greene, and wait for the train in regal postmodern splendor.

Arts for Transit, a program of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, placed "Railrider's Throne" in the station the Bronx has a stained-glass triptych by Romare Bearden that shows a black train rattling along the tracks against a cityscape rendered in jewel-like colors. For the Long Island Rail Road Terminal at Pennsylvania Station, Andrew Leicester created "Ghost Series," ceramic murals that evoke the vanished architecture of the old Pennsylvania Station designed by McKim. sylvania Station designed by McKim, Mead & White and torn down in 1963.

At five stations on the J and M lines, Kathleen McCarthy designed "Five Points of Observation," monumental wire-mesh heads projecting outward from the windheads projecting outward from the wind-screens that run along the platforms. For the atrium space at the south end of the 34th Street starion near Macy's at Broad-way and the Avenue of the Americas, Nicholas Pearson created "Halo," nine hand-coiled aluminum spheres that look like arrested planets. Most recently, a sculpture by Maya Lin, "Eclipsed Time," was installed in the same terminal. The transportation authority has published a free color guide to its permanent art, "Art

New York is not the only American city that puts art in the subways. Boston has been doing it since 1978, primarily through the Arts on the Line program. There are programs in Los Angeles, Miami, Seattle, Atlanta and Portland, Oregon.

But New York's is the largest, in part because the transit system is the largest, in Hemingway Revival at the Ritz

By Mary Blume

ARIS - Making its contribution to the celebrations of the liberation of Paris, the Hotel Ritz will re-open its Hemingway bar on Aug. 25, the day 50 years ago that the writer "liberated" the Ritz.

According to legend, Ernest Hemingway, wearing his war correspondent's uniform accessorized by a Sten gun, personally took two prisoners and considerable puid refreshment. By the next day, when a fellow correspondent announced she was off to see the victory parade, Hemingway advised her not to budge: "Daughter, sit still and drink this good brandy. You can always watch parades but you'll never again celebrate the liberation of Paris at

The Rue Cambon entrance of the Ritz having been closed for several years for reasons of economy and logistics, the



Hemingway with bartender Bertin.

opening of the Cambon-side Hemingway bar marks a return to tradition as well as to profitable legend.
In the old days, the only Ritz bar was on

the Cambon side (it is now the Ritz Club, a combination discotheque and restaurant). The smaller bar opposite, not the Hemingway, was a writing room where ladies waited while men drank. In time, a waiter and later bartender named Bertin would bring the ladies drinks from the bar and in 1936 the writing room became Bertin's bar, open to both sexes.

Sentimentally profiting from its literary associations (it claims not only Hemingway and Fitzgerald but Sartre, Mairaux, Proust and J. D. Salinger among its pa-trons), the hotel has announced that the Hemingway bar will be an evening literary haunt available not only for boozing but haunt available not only for boozing but for book promotions and signings and star-gazing by those whose writing is confined to the signing of checks. Writers will even be able to receive their mail in care of the bar, provided they can pay the price of a drink. A special "Hemingway Bar Reserve" of rum will be available, as well as a selection of tapas, all of it giving a new sense to the phrase a moveable feast.

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The writer, outfitted as a war correspondent, checks a road map on his way to liberate the Ritz 50 years ago

# Learning to Fulfill the Impossible

ARIS - Renting a saxophone at 9 o'clock on a Thursday night for a guest at Boston's Ritz-Carlion was a piece of take compared with the creation of a niche for the king of Morocco's chef in the basement kitchens of the Ritz in Paris. Considering that it was the hotel's two-star chef who was being passed over, the logistics required a lot of delicate

And yet accommodating Hassan II was easy compared with satisfying a Mexican client at Paris's Hôtel de Crillon who wanted the semen of a Limousin bull so that he

could do his own breeding back home. Obtaining musical instruments at seemingly unobtainable hours, conducting gastronomie diplomacy, godparenting bulls - all fall to the international hotel concierge, who does not appreciate being confused with the person behind the reception desk. Concierges are an expensive luxury, one of the most reliable indicators of the quality of a hotel. Of the hundreds of

hotels in Paris, only 65 have them.
In France, the route to the job used to be through the ranks. You were only awarded the full title of chef concierge and the full privilege of dealing with guests' sometimes outrageous and amusing, often tedious and petty exigencies ("I want the color of my telephone changed — now!") after having served as bellhop, errand boy, bag-

The International Concierge Institute changed all that. Founded in Paris in 1984, it is the only concierge school in the world, according to its director, Pierre Berthet. Traditional hotel schools give instruction in front-office reception skills but nothing tailored to the post of concierge. The institute offers men and women aged 18 to 25 the road to a life of long hours on their feet, of dealing with other peoples' headaches, and of smiling across the desk even if you've just had bad news about a favorite grandmother. (That's one of the main things they teach you, to be nice no matter

Romaine Zen Ruffinen, who graduated in May and who is now assistant concierge at the Noga Hilton in Geneva, says it would have taken her 20 years to work her way up from bellhop. By the time she left the school, she had completely absorbed Berthet's dictum that a concierge must be prepared to do everything for a guest unless it's illegal.

Berthet, who was never a concierge him-self but did work as an Air France steward and was deputy chief of protocol at the Paris City Hall for seven years, insists on absolute discretion.

"The raison d'être of the concierge is to be the confidante of the clientele," he says. "In this sense he is the parallel of the barman. He hears from the guest a quanti-

By Christopher Petkanas gage handler, parking attendant, assistant ty of things. There is a tacit agreement concierge and concierge. credible in this metier, one must never write one's memoirs."

"See everything, hear everything and say, nothing," notes Jérôme Palacoeur, who: graduated with Ruffinen. He was the young man who helped locate the bull-

The institute's candidates must have a high school or equivalent hotel school education and write and speak reasonably well in two foreign languages. Tuition for the cight-month program is about \$4,250. The institute's uniform, which is obligatory, is composed of a black blazer and gray troussers or a black skirt, and costs about \$325. A typical school day would include mornings working as apprentices in a Paris hotel; and afternoons studying in the classroom diction, body language, geography, security and medical procedures.

The institute, which is nonprofit and is recognized by the French Education Min-sistry, is difficult to get into. Three out of four applicants are refused; only 206 students have completed the Paris course so far. A Budapest branch of the school was. opened in 1986 and others in Montreal and Tokyo are to open in 1995 and 1996, re-

Christopher Petkanas is writing a history of the New York decorating firm Parish-Hadley.

# The English Muffin Goes Gallic

By Dana Thomas

ARIS — It began on a whim. Michael Healey was in Amsterdam for New Year's two and a half years ago, when he decided to pop down to Paris. During a whiriwind tour, he met a girl and thought, why not stay on, learn French and hang out? He was in limbo, having lost his

shirt in real estate. But ever the itchy entrepreneur, he couldn't just hang out. He is the man, after all, who came up with the No. 1 gift item

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the 39-year-old New Jersey na-tive. "I thought, my back-ground is marketing and manu-facturing My hierard passion is facturing. My biggest passion is food. Hummun. Maybe baking. Maybe I'll make bread."

That, he soon realized, was truly a case of carrying coal to:

known to Americans as the English muffin.

"There are only two types available here," he explained. 'A brand from England, which tastes awful, and one imported from America, frozen. There were no fresh muffins, good muffins, anywhere."

find and make "the quintessen-tial English muffin." He started tial English muffin." He started the recipe for more than a year, in London and traveled all over using all natural ingredients. England, "only to find out that "No soybean flour, which is a

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cient cookbooks in a library. He When he was satisfied with found a recipe dating back to the product, he presented it to the 1600s. He also found a American restaurant owners in

"Now," he says, "I under-

Off to the United States he went to ask bakers about English mulfins, particularly the well known Thomas brand.

Finally, he settled on a recipe from his grandmother, and named his company after her: Brennan's Muffins.

He found an former architect's studio in the 5th arronnuffins, anywhere."

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ind and make "the quintessenbakery. He experimented with

of 1979: the shiny brass tire gauge in its own velvet pouch. And this is the man who invented the Mini-Mag flashlight.

"I had to do something," says the 39-year-old New Jersey named to the statement by a master baker from 1900: "English muffins was cut it with a knife!" he cried. "I had to keep explaining how to pull them apart with a fork," Finally, he realized he'd just have to make them prejust have to make them pre-

The problem was a that a moffin splitting machine costs \$150,000. "There isn't much demand for them," he said with a shrug. He built his own instead, lewcastle. They'd say, 'Oh, yeah, I've with pulleys and screws and a been to the factory, but I can't lot of time. "There's a saying among to Americans as the signed screety agreements." among entrepreneurs," he langhs. There's no real secret

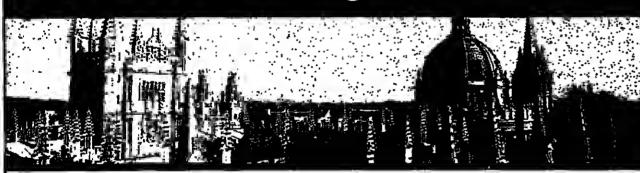
to success. Only perspiration."

Now, his multins have replaced the buns in the burgers, at Marshall's restaurant on Average Franklin D. Roosevelt, are under the posched eggs Bene-dict at the Cafe de Mars in the 7th arrondissement, and at Sam Kearny's, Sydney's Coffee Shop and Henry's. In October, he hopes to sell them packaged to supermarkets and grocery

And what about the girl? "She's still in the picture," he

Dana Thomas is a writer

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# Americans Veer East, Germany 165 Miles Off, Drive North on Seine to Trap Nazis Anew; French Troops Within 3 Miles of Marseille

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Moscow announced tonight.

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ided over today's morning and of the statements of the three 000,000 to \$75,000,000,000. chief delegates, although there Passage came after six days of

elaboration of certain points. organization which would protect of New York, the Republican Presidential nominee, were preparing for their conference tomorrow;

Senator Tom Connally, Demo crat, of Texas, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that it was difficult to appreciate the tremendous significance of the Big Three discussions "I think the outcome of this conrence will mean either that we shall so forward in the establish-

ment of peace machinery or that we shall miserably fall in one of the greatest undertakings with which this nation has ever been confront ed," Senator Connally said. Many Sanctions Planned Senator Arthur H. Vandenbers

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The powerful armies apparently were time.

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The whole front moved inexorably westward and northward River. gainst the Germans, who were The American forces were said after being spirited across France (Continued on page 2. column 4) (Continued on page 2. column 5) by the Gestapo. An earlier report against the Germans, who were

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right: Lieutenant Coneral Omar N. Bradley, commender of the 12th Army group; General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, Allied ground chief; Lieutenant General Sir Miles C. Dempsay, of the British 2d Army, and Lieutenaat General Courtney H. Hadges, of the United States 1st Army

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third Allied landing in France

supreme, headquarters has been Far northward, the American Nantes area earlier this month. column which advanced from Per- American and Prench ground tuls had reached the outskirts of forces met on the outskirts of Bor from the Rhone River at Avignon-jounched an otteck on the city, the his Vichy villa by the German IAn Associated Press dispatch last pocket of organized German Gestapo Sunday and now, along insubordination and to smash any from London quoted a Mutual net-resistance in southwestern France, with Pierre Laval, is virtually gattempt of an uprising. For four prisoner of the Germans at Bell-vers Paris has been the quietest

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Last Germans Out of Florence,

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Promises Hour of Freedom Will Soon Strike

By Eric Hawkins

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broadcast from Allied advance (Bordeaux, France's Journh larg-fort in eastern Prance, a reliable of in Peance Parising Prance of the Quietest est city, with a population of 258,- report from the Prench-Swiss bor-

Prench border Mooday afternoon

At the same time Germans were Partisans and A.M.G. Rule City Proported massing upward of 30,000 troops around Bettort to defend sartiliery bombardment against the the Swiss border and an equa city proper.

During the final stages the ParThe Nazis apparently hoped to

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# Take Sens in Push to East

Swing Beyond Paris on South in Surprise Dash; 200 Miles From Rhine

Canadians Capture

Americans Sweep Down

By The Associated Press SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Ailled Expeditionary Force, Aug. 22.-An American armored column has driven more than half way across France on the road to Germany, plunging past Sens, fiftyeight miles southeast of Paris, in a sixty-five-mile smash against meager opposition, a front dis-

Sens is 180 airline miles from the original Normandy investors road of battle—and only 165 miles from the German border to the northeast near the Haar town of

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HENDAYE, France, Aug. 22.— troops and French patriots using light artillery were followed tonight were so swift the Germans did not third. Allied landing in France. LONDON, Aug. 22,-Reports of fighting in Paris between German The Americans were racing be-At the same time General youd Sens in the direction of

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Joseph Pierre Koenig, newly appointed Military Governor of Paris, and the De Gaullier admits a large communication center

Normandy Mop-Up By John O'Reilly

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#### THE LIBERATION OF PARIS -AUGUST 22-27, 1944

In the last days of August, as the Allies approached the city, the unarmed population of Paris – reinforced by a small number of armed resistance fighters – rose against the occupying German forces. In four



days of street battles and general insurrection, Paris was liberated. To commemorate these dramatic days, the International Herald Tribune is reproducing the six front pages from the New York Herald Tribune chronicling the week of August 22 through 27, 1944.

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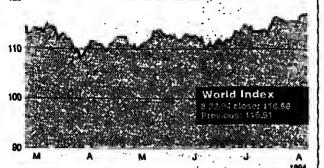
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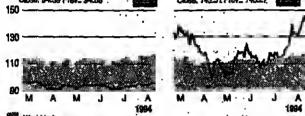


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Utilities	131.92	130.26	+1.27	Flavy Materials	133.90	183.82	+0.08
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Services	122.14	122.08	+0.05	Miscelleneous	133.38	132,92	+0.35

# Corsa: GM Can't Get Enough of It

By Erik Ipsen ternational Herald Tribune

International Herald Tribune
LONDON — Next month, the Adam Opei plant of General Motors Corp. in the eastern reaches of Germany will expand production for the fourth time in a year of a car it was never even intended to build.

The sprawling new Eisenach plant — already working three shifts — will take on more workers to meet demand for the hot-selling new Corsa.

Twenty months after its launch, the Corsa is proving a success of almost embarrassing proportions.

Already there are 800,000 of the

sporty small cars on the road, with plants in three European countries now strug-gling to meet demand that GM originally forecast would only require one plant in Zaragoza, Spain, to satisfy. Since March, Corsas also bave been

GM executives say they are considering cessor model first went on sale. With production sites in Russia, China, South only two minor facelifts in that span, the Africa, Taiwan and Thailand.

"I would not want to work for a com-pany that builds accidental successes," said Manfred Wolf, executive director of Panda. old apprentice dismaker and went on to head the team that created the latest

He did, bowever, admit that the Corsa caught the company by surprise. "We all liked the car right from the beginning. but we did not expect it to succeed to such a degree outside Europe," be said. We had not planned to build it in all

rolling off the assembly line at GM's unit in Brazil. Production is due to start in gap in GM's European lineup. It hit the market almost a decade after its predomarket almost almo old Corsa had gradually lost ground in Europe to fresher competitors such as Ford's Fiesta, Renault's Cho and Fiat's

passenger cars and light commercial vehicles at GM's technical center near of GM's model range in both price and Frankfurt. Mr. Wolf started as a 15-year-size, but like its competitors, Corsa has grown up a bit. The new model is nearly 25 percent longer than the one it replaced.

But GM has pulled off another unex-pected coup with Corsa: It has designed and is building an inexpensive small car in Germany, one of the world's most expensive manufacturing locations.

Corsa has such refinements as air bags, side beams and a pollen filter in its

See CORSA, Page 13

# Strong Car Sales Bolster CITIC Profit

HONG KONG -- CITIC Pacific Ltd., China's main investment company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, said first-half profit rose 46 percent on higher revenue from car sales, real estate, airline travel and telecommunications, said Larry Yung Chi-kin, chairman.

billion Hong Kong dollars (\$151 million), up from 802 miltion dollars in the 1993 period. Sales rose to 6.55 billion dollars from 6.17 billion dollars.

cents a year earlier.

The rise in profit from associfrom 503.4 million dollars.

CITIC said profit was 1.17 was caused by a fall in revenue Manhattan Card. from the company's Dah Kong Resorts acquisition, said around 30 percent. rs from 6.17 billion dollars. Carl Wong, analyst at broker-The directors have recom-

mended an interim dividend of Dah Chong Hong is a trad-13 cents a share, up from 10 ing retailing and vehicle-distribution company.

CITIC has minority stakes in ated companies was more than a range of large businesses in enough to offset a 42 percent Hong Kong, including Dah fax to 293.8 million dollars from 503.4 million dollars.

The profit increase was high-Chong Hong unit and interest or than expected by analysts. expenses incurred by the Hong who had forecast growth of

Vernon Moore, deputy man-aging director at CITIC, also

attributed the earnings growth mainly to profits derived from the Discovery Bay housing pro-

ment on the more remote western side of Hong Kong.

CITIC Pacific is the Hong Kong arm of China's biggest investment company, Beijingbased China International Trust & Investment Corp.

(Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg) covery, that is more than doubt-

# Dollar Tumbles, **Dragging Down Global Markets**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches was dragged down Monday on renewed concern about trade tensions between the United States and Japan and sluggish demand for U.S. Treasury is-

The dollar's weakness cast a pall over Wall Street and European equity markets.

"Sentiment is almost universally negative on the dollar for the moment," said Mark Geddes, treasury economist at Midland Global Markets in London. "The dollar's in a no-win

The dollar has been under assault on all fronts amid the United States' trade troubles with Japan and signs that Euro-pean interest rates will not fall \$1.5563 from \$1.5490. any further.

In early February, CITIC last week, many traders expectbought 50 percent of Hong Kong Resorts, which owns the resort-style residential develop
Board raised U.S. interest rates
U.S. Treasury securities. In late trading in New York, the price of the benchmark 30-year bond through with an easing of Gerresort-style residential develop
man rates, narrowing the rate taking the yield up to 7.55 per-States and Europe.

But since the German central bank stood pat on rates last week, many traders have taken the view that there will be no further cut.

"In view of the economic re-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ful," Helmut Scholz, president NEW YORK — The dollar of the Association of German Mortgage Banks, said of the chances for a Bundesbank rate cut.

"There are still concerns that German rates have bottomed and no indication that U.S. ic. terest rates will rise soon," said Chris Furness, currency strategist at the market-consulting firm IDEA.

The dollar finished in New York at 1.5284 Deutsche marks, down from 1.5397 DM on Friday, and at 97.85 yen, down from 98.68 yen. The currency also fell to 5.2380 French francs from 5.2745 francs and to 1.2885 Swiss francs from 1.2955

The dollar also was under-After the Federal Reserve mined by sluggish demand for man rates, narrowing the rate taking the yield up to 7.55 per-differential between the United cent from 7.48 percent.

The dollar's demise weighed on European stock market sentiment because many compames were relying on solid export demand to pull them to recovery. Profit carned in dol-

See DOLLAR, Page 10

# CNN Discovers That a Picture Is Worth 10,000 Competitors

By Elizabeth Kolbert New York Times Service

NEW YORK - CNN, the cable channel that altered the nature of television news, is finding it tough to compete by the very rules it helped

So successful has the Cable News Network been in changing the television news culture that the broadcast networks, which used to bold back footage of international events for their own evening newscasts, now offer these images to their affiliates throughout the day.

coverage of local news, entertainment news and courtroom news.

Confronted with a persistent ratings slump, CNN has in recent months been trying out new strategies to win viewers, such as shuffling anchors and introducing more scheduled programs along the lines of its durable interview show, "Larry King Live." But both analysts and com-petitors say the 24-bour-a-day news channel is facing a classic media industry dilemma: too

Rival cable channels, trying to emulate CNN's much change and it risks losing its identity; too in the first part of the year. In the first quarter, accomplishments, now offer round-the-clock little, and that identity might not be worth before O.J. Simpson came along to give the

"It's a Hobson's choice," said Av Westin, senior vice president for programming at Time Warner. Their corporate persona is, We're here when news is breaking. If they toss that identity over the side, I think that's a very serious prob-lem." On the other hand, he added, "the same video of the same event that used to be available only on CNN is now available everywhere." CNN's ratings dropped by roughly a quarter

channel a lift, CNN's average prime-time audience had fallen to about 500,000 households. according to Nielsen Media Research, down from about 693,000 during the comparable peri-

Then, in April and May, the channel's average audience in any given 24-hour period fell to roughly 250,000 households, the lowest level since 1982, when CNN began to receive ratings. See CABLE, Page 13

#### INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

# Correction Seen in Malaysia

By Barry Hing with Carolyn Lim

INGAPORE — Malaysia's stock market - which has been surging on repeated rumors of an imminent general election — is expected to correct sharply lower once the long-awaited poll is Since the rumors surfaced in April, the

market has made big gains on those rumors as well as better economic fundamentals and the softening of Malaysia's stance against foreign speculation in the ringgit.

The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange's Composite Index ended at 1,150.20 Monday, its highest level since Feb. 3, following a week Monday's close represents a gain of 190.26 points, or 20 percent, since the April 1 close of 959.94.

Once the election announcement is out of the way, probably in the autumn, investors will be keen to take profits.

Foreign investors will collect both on gains in equities prices and the stronger ringgit as they convert their profits back into their

The election rumor is chiefly supporting the market because Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad's pro-business coalition gov-ernment is considered sure to sweep back in power on the strength of the economy's per-

The market is following the classic pattern of "buy the rumor, sell the fact," and it does not look as if anything can save it from a downward correction.

For example, recent six-month profit re-ports have helped cement the rally, but the correction widely assumed to be coming this year won't be influenced by second-half cor-

porate results, because they won't be released until early 1995. It is unlikely that the 1995 budget will pre-vent a postelection market correction, as the budget - as in previous years - probably will be issued on the last Friday of October, just

before the likely election announcement. Recent steps by Bank Negara, Malaysia's central bank, to ease bans on foreign speculation in the ringgit have been seen as attempts to restore overseas interest in Malaysia's financial markets and to keep stock prices

But once the election is out of the way -

probably in November or December - the

government will have little reason to keep stoking the market. Furthermore, in view of the index's 20 percent gain since April 1, Malaysian stocks now are trading at fairly high price/earnings ratios. Most issues are priced at more than 22

times annual earnings.

This situation makes the Malaysian stock market one of the highest-priced in Southeast Asia, making it even more vulnerable to prof-

it-taking sales.
The Kuala Lumpur market brushed off the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's increase in interest rates last week, with belp from the election rumor. But if the market begins to sense another U.S. rate increase after the Malaysian election, share prices may not be able to ignore that one. ..

(Reginald Dale is on vacation.)

### LDDS Buys **Unit From** Williams

JACKSON, Mississippi LDDS Communications Inc. made a definitive agreement to buy WilTel, the telecommunicarions unit of Williams Cos.

after sweetening its bid by \$500 million, to \$2.5 billion. The deal, subject to regula-tory review, would create a long-distance company with about \$3 billion in revenue that would challenge America's three major existing carriers: AT&T Corp., MCI Communi-

cations Corp. and Sprint Corp. Through more than 35 acquisitions over the past four years, LDDS has transformed itself from a relative unknown into the fourth-largest U.S. long-dis-tance carrier. The combined op-erations of LDDS and WilTel would have nearly 5 percent of the \$65 billion-a-year long-dis-

tance market.

For Williams, the sale will yield about \$1.6 billion, or \$950 million after tax. The company, based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, owns three interstate pipeline systems and natural gas gathering and processing facilities. It said it planned to expand its energy business, and its board authorized buying back as much as \$800 million of its stock over the next 12 months.

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# PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY Hong Kong

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### MAINTENANCE CONSULTANCY **BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Provisional Airport Authority has been given tha responsibility of devaloping Hong Kong's naw airport at Chak Lap Kok. The project is now under construction and is targeted for completion in 1997. The airport will ba sited on 1,248 hectares of reclaimed land and will be connected to the urban centras of Hong Kong through a network of new highway and railway links. The island will accommodate all activities associated with the oparation of a major international airport.

The Authority wishes to pre-qualify consultants with experience in

- (A) Computer-Based, Planned Maintenance System
- (B) Preparation of Bullding Services Maintenance Contracts
- (C) Developing Maintenance Policies, Procedures and Strategy
- (D) Evaluation, Specification and Design of Maintenance Facilities

consideration will be given to consultants offering services for one or any combination of these activities. Consultants and joint ventures, who must have a proven track record in providing the above services at major building complexes, are invited to apply by fax for pre-qualification documents to:

The Authority's preferred option is for a single consultancy to provide support on all of the above however

The Operations Director, Provisional Airport Authority Hong Kong, 25th Floor, Central Plaza. 18 Harbour Road, Wan Chai,

Pre-qualification - Maintenance (Attn: Ms Stella Fok)

FAX NO: (852) 802 8231 TEL NO: (852) 824 7724

Expressions of interest should be received by Friday, 23 September 1994, 12:00 noon (Hong Kong time). Pre-qualification documents will be issued immediately upon receipt of expressions of interest. The deadline for the return of complated pre-qualification documents is Monday, 10 Octobar 1994, 12:00 noon (Hong Kong time). All submissions should be in the English language.

All costs associated with any submission in response to this notice are entirely the responsibility of the applicant organisation(s) concerned.

The Provisional Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any application at its discretion and without explanation.

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MARKET DIARY

# **Dollar Doldrums Burden Wall Street**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stock prices slipped Monday amid concern about a weak dullar and a decline in shares of defense com-

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 3.89 points at 3.751.22

Vnlume on the floor of the New Ynrk Stock Exchange was

#### U.S. Stocks

237.2 million shares, Declining shares outnumbered advances about 4 to 3.

The continued weakness in the dollar pushed bond prices lower on concerns that a weak dollar, which makes imports more expensive, could mean higher inflation later. It also could send away foreign investors to seek better returns else-

"Basically the stock market is trying to digest the problems in the dollar and bond markets," said Rao Chalasani, chief investment strategist at Kemper Securities.

"If the dnllar continues to sell off, we will see more weakness in the bond market and in Groveman, president at Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.

United Technologies (ell ¾ to 60%, and Boeing dropped % to 44% after the Pentagon, in an internal memo, said it was rethinking some large military

aircraft contracts. Among the programs that could be curtailed are \$72 billinn for 442 of Lockheed's F-22 jet fighters and \$40 billion for Boeing's and United Technologies' Comanche helicopter.

Share prices in other defense companies were affected, with Lockheed ending down 11/4 at 631/4, McDonnell Douglas down 2% at 1124, Textron down 4 at 52%, Martin Marietta 1/8 lower at 47% and Northrop Grumman ¾ lower at 42¼.

Teléfonos de México was the most active issue on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock gained %, to 66%, after it appeared clear that the ruling Institutional Revulutinnary Party would retain power.

Novell shares dropped 11/2, to 14, after the networking-software company said it would have inwer-than-expected third-quarter earnings. Citicorp shares ended up 1 at

44% after the banking compathe stock market," said Jnhn Groveman, president at Laden-mended the stock. (Bloomberg, AP)

## DOLLAR: Drags Down Europe

Continued from Page 9 . lars is eroding in step with the

U.S. currency. In Paris, the CAC-40 bluechip index tumbled 1.43 per-cent, to 1,972.63, and in Frankfurt, the DAX lost 1.20 percent,

to 2,123.79. The dollar also burdened European bond markets, and stock investors said there was little

#### Foreign Exchange

hope for recovery until interest rates in the government securities market began to stabilize. "It's the weak bonds, weak

\_dnllar and negative markets," said Ralf Maier, a trader with Bayerische Vereinsbank AG in Munich. "You cannut really find a substantial reason to buy." Britisb shares were weighed

down by stronger-than-expected second-quarter gross domestic product data, which fueled concern that the Bank of England might raise rates to keep growth at a steady, sustainable pace. The Financial Times-Stock

Exchange 100-share index lost 0.63 percent, to 3,171.30. The dullar's slide paused amid rumors that central banks, had bought the U.S. currency to try to slow the slide. But the weakness resumed when no confirmatinn of interventinn

surfaced. The trade troubles between the United States and Japan resurfaced as a market factor last week, when U.S. data showed its deficit with Japan had widened again.

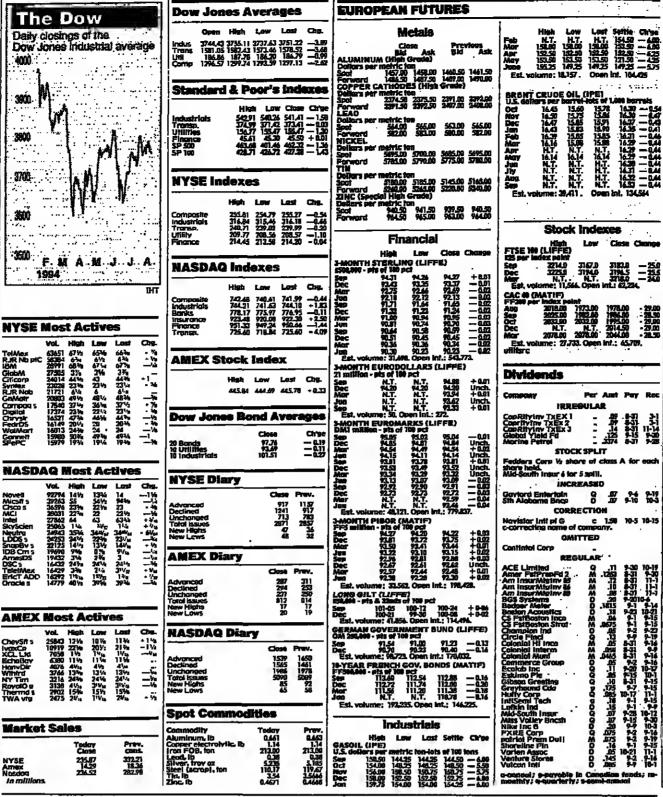
"The trade figures were the key turning pnint for dnl-lar/yen," said Andre de Silva, a bond strategist at PaineWebber International.

A general lack of confidence in President Bill Clinton also did little to help the dollar. "Clinton's crime bill success

has oot done anything because it seems to be watered down," a U.S. banking analyst in London said, "It's come after the event, and the Democrats are still oot seen in be in control."

But some analysts said the fundamental strength of the U.S. economy meant that the dnllar was uodervalued. "If you believe the U.S. econ-

omy is strong, the dullar shouldn't be this low," said Andrew Brenner, a trader at Nomora Securities International. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)



## Crude Prices Fall on Expectations for Ample Supply

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche.

NEW YORK - Crude oil prices fell Monday on indications that supplies will be more than ample to meet waning de-

mand over the next two months.

Crude for October delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange fell to \$16.86 a barrel, down 68 cents, while in London, Brent crude oil for October delivery closed. at \$15.76, down 54 cents.

Worldwide crude demand should shrink by about 1 million barrels a day as U.S., European and Japanese refiners begin seaindustry newsletter, said Mnnday.

Meanwhile, North Sea producers are

largely finished with August maintenance

the newsletter said. "There's too much North Sea oil; and refinery runs will be cut next month," said London energy desk at Smith Barney, the Mohammad Abduljabbar, an analyst at market was nn longer anticipating cuts in

Petroleum Finance Co. in Washington. Traders also saw signs that the Nigerian rialized.

sonal maintenance work on their equipment, Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, an striking oil workers was causing some of them to return to work of the pool of them to return to work of the pool of the them to return to work after nearly eight weeks on strike.

"The Nigerian situation is becoming a work, meaning more crude will be coming nonevent," said Bill O'Grady, energy anato market in September than in August, lyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. lyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St.

According to Peter Gignoux, head of the Nigerian oil exports that had not yet mate-

J & J Will Buy Neutrogena for Cash NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey (Bloomberg) - Johnson & Johnson will acquire Neutrogena Corp., a maker of skin-care and hair-care products, for \$35.25 a share, nr about \$987 million, the

The price represents a 23 percent premium to Neutrogena's \$28.75 price Friday. Neutrogena has about 25.7 million shares outstanding and there are options for about 2.3 million shares. Neutrogena shares were up \$6 at \$34.75. Johnson & Johnson shares were up \$6 at \$34.75.

shares were up 12.5 cents cents at \$49.125. Neutrogena carned \$26 million nn sales of \$281.7 million in 1993. Johnson & Johnson, the world's largest health-care products company, had sales last year of \$14.1 billion.

#### Firstar Will Acquire Investors Bank MILWAUKEE (Bloomberg) - Firstar Corp. said Monday it

would acquire Investors Bank Corp. in a stock swap valued at Investors is the parent of Investors Savings Bank, which has \$1 billion in assets and 12 offices in the metropolitan area of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. Each share of Investors will be exchanged for 0.8676 shares of Firstar stock.

This transaction will double the asset size of Firstar's Minneapolis.

This transaction will double the asset size of Firstar's Minnesom bank and give Firstar access to very attractive new markets in the Twin Cities," Roger Fitzsimonds, chairman of Firstar said.

AT&T and Intel Join in Development SANTA CLARA, California (Reuters) — Intel Corp. and AT&T Corp. said Monday they had signed a development agreement to jointly work on making desktop conferencing from

personal computers easier. The companies said they were entering a program of development in a number of areas of personal conferencing — image or video conferencing on personal computers — in both services and products. The result will be offering customers a seamless integration of Intel's ProShare personal-conferencing system and AT&T WorldWorx network services, which were recently announced for business.

Financial terms of their agreement were not disclosed.

#### Coffee Climbs Anew Amid Frost Fear

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Coffee prices soared Monday by nearly 4 percent amid concern that damage to Brazil's crop from

frost and dry weather could be larger than expected.

Two frosts that occurred in Brazil in June and July will reduce
next year's crop by as much as 40 percent, to between 17 millino
and 20 million bags, according U.S. Department of Agriculture

December coffee settled 5.70 cents higher at \$1.8950 a pound on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange. "You really can't get an accurate picture of just what is the damage," said John Connolly of Alpine Capital Management in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.

#### For the Record

Compaq Canada Inc., in an effort to gain market share and stay No. 1 in Canada, will reduce prices on its desktop personal computers by as much as 23 percent.

Bank America Corp. said it would pay \$1.98 billion in cash and stock for Continental Bank Corp. of Chicago. BankAmerica amounced the acquisition on Jan. 28; at the time, the banks valued the deal at \$1.9 billion.

Bank of New York said it signed a deal to buy the corporate trust business of Mercantile-Safe Deposit & Trust Co. The acquisition involves the transfer of more than 550 corporate trust and agency relationships with a total value of more than \$22 billion in securities. The companies did not disclose terms.

#### Weekend Box Office.

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Clear and Present Danger" and "Forrest Gump" dominated the U.S. box office with grosses of \$11.15 million each over the weekend. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based oo Friday ticket sales and estimated sales for Saturday and Sunday.

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2. "The Mask"
4. "Color of Night"
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# **Mannesmann Cuts Its First-Half Loss**

Compiled by Our Staff Front Dispatches DUSSELDORF- Mannesmann AG said Monday its firsthalf net loss had narrowed substantially, to 27 million Deutsche marks (\$18 million), as economic recovery and its streamlining program began to

pay off.

"Mannesmann is in a stable upward trend," said Joachim Funk, chief executive of the German engineering and telecommunications concern, in a letter to shareholders. In the first half of 1993, the deficit amounted to 467 million DM. Sales, at 14.2 billion DM, were up 10 percent, and orders rose 19 percent, to 16.9 billion.

Because of weak sales in Jannary and February, results in . the first half were still negative, but the company said it expected to make a profit for the full year, after losing 513 million. DM in 1993.

Since 1985, the company, oneof 30 blue chip stocks in Germany's DAX stock index, has worked at diversifying into noncyclical businesses such as . mobile phone services and electronics. Since then, outlays for restyling the company have run mto the billions of marks.

Last year, Mannesmann blamed high startup costs in its cellular phone division in particular when it reported its net loss. In contrast, the company. said its phone unit, Mannes-mann Mobilfunk GmbH, recorded its first-ever earnings in the latest six months and forecast a return to profit this year and Sebastian International for the group as a whole.

The Mobilfunk unit stood out with a 126 percent sales rise in the period, to 738 million DM Orders in the engineering and plant division were up 34 per-cent in the first half, and automotive orders rose 18 percent. But orders in the electronics di-

vision slid by 25 percent. The earnings weren't enough to sustain Mannesmann's stock price, which followed the market's bearish trend, and ended at 451.50 DM, down from 457.00 Friday\_

Separately, the chairman of Volkswagen AG, Ferdinand Piech, said Monday that he expected German car orders for the second half to be worse than the first half, Reuters reported from Paris.

He said he expected West Enropean car sales in 1994 to be unchanged from 1993. As a result, the optimism seen earlier in the year had been croded.

#### ■ Wella Profit Rises

Wella AG said first-half pretax profit rose 14.4 percent from a year earlier on strong sales in Eastern Europe, Asia and the United States, Bloomberg Business News reported from Darmstadt, Germany.

Earnings at the hair-care concern rose to .75.5 million DM from 66.0 million DM in the year-earlier period.

Sales rose to 1.50 billion DM from 1.33 billion DM, supported by last year's acquisitions of SmithKline Beecham PLC's Inc.'s hair-care divisions.

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispetches gins, cost-cutting measures and a weak MADRID — A recovery in its chemiposeta that encouraged exports.

cal sector helped Repsol SA report a:15 In the company's oil exploration and

percent in first-half profit on Monday production unit, operating profit fell to despite weak oil prices during the period. 7.36 billion pesetas from 13.94 billion

The Spanish petrochemical company last year, the result of overall falling said it earned 49.68 billion pesetas (\$385) crude prices despite a recovery in the

Repsol, in which the government cur- \$17.10 a year earlier. Operating income

rently has a 40 percent stake, said its from refining and marketing rose 13 chemical unit registered its first operating profit, 5.31 billion pesetas, compared The gas division had a 22 percent in-

with a loss of 4.58 billion last year. Repsol crease in operating profit, to 26.33 billion

attributed the success to improved mar- pesetas, reflecting an increase in sales.

million) in the first six months of this second quarter.

# Russians Bet on a Loser MMM Fund Revives and Draws a Crowd

MOSCOW - Russians, still gambling on dreams of getting rich quick, lined up in the rain Monday to buy shares in the country's bestknown investment fund, ignoring a recent price collapse and warnings from the gov-

The lines outside the offices of the MMM fund contrasted sharply with the scenes of panic at the end of last month, when the firm slashed the price of its shares to a nittance

Then, anxious investors lined up in sunshine to dump their shares. This time, it was

"I believe in MMM, and I

will buy five more shares," said an elderly woman, hud-dling under the hood of her

jacket outside one MMM branch. "This instability is only temporary. Government officials have said MMM is operating a classic pyramid operation,

using revenue from sales of shares to fund an automatic buy-back. But officials said they were powerless to act because pyramid schemes were not illegal.

The company publicized its program with aggressive television commercials. promising ever-rising returns and annual dividends of 3,000 percent. But it never one share —at so said where its money came fied future time.

from or where it planned to

Millions of Russians profited from the scheme for months, as prices of MMM shares rose and rose. But the bottom fell out of the market after a flurry of rumors about its creditworthiness.

The firm slashed the price of its shares to 1,000 rubles (50 cents) from 115,000 rubles (\$54) before the crisis.

Its offices now sell special "tickets" dubbed Mayrodchiki because they bear the portrait of the MMM chairman, Sergei Mavrodi. MMM says holders will be allowed to trade 100 certificates for one share - at some unspeci-

#### Ruble Falls as Central Bank Cuts Rates

MOSCOW - The ruble slithered to a record low against the dollar Monday, a victim of government loans to ailing agriculture and traders' fears that the state will issue new credits to help companies survive.

Despite the currency's slide, Russia's central bank said it was cutting its three-month refinancing rate to 130 percent from 150 percent, the second rate cut this month and the seventh this year.

The government has hinted it will support industry, and there there has been talk about the possibility of forgiving companies' debts," said Igor Doronin, a market analyst with the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, "Such ideas are stirring up inflationary expectations

and raising speculative activities."

The currency, which is not freely convertible

its remaining stake in the concern this

autumn, but the stock has been under

pressure. It fell to 3,970 pesetas Monday

from 3,990 on Friday. The shares have

Analysts said Repsol's poor market

performance was a product of general worries about Spanish stocks. The earn-

ings results demonstrate, they added,

that the weakness of Repsol's stock was

Banco Español de Crédito SA's chair-

man, Alfredo Saenz, told shareholders at

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

been as high as 4,900 this year.

not a reflection on the company.

■ Banesto Chief Optimistic

Recovery in Chemicals Gives Repsol Profit a Lift

on world markets, has fallen 6 percent over the past month. It was quoted Monday at 2,171 to the dollar on the Moscow exchange, compared with 2,151 Friday. It was even weaker on the interbank market, dealers said.

A dealer from Delovaya Rossiya said some banks were selling dollars at the request of the central bank to help the bank try to prop up the ruble. Many dealers said they expected the slide to continue because the government's agriculture credits had artificially inflated the money supply.

Also on Monday, the central bank revoked banking licenses from five Russian commer-cial banks because of their "risky credit policy, nonobservation of capital requirements, loss-making activities and violations of accounting procedures." (Reuters, AFP)

cause of cost controls and loan recoveries,

He said the bank's new managers

Among the "urgent measures" Ban-

creation of a special unit of 800 employ-

In addition, Banesto's new manage-

ment has cut operating costs by 5 per-

ees to attempt recovery of bad loans.

news agencies reported from Madrid.

nearly collapsed last year.

cent, or 5 billion pesetas.

### Shekel's Fall Slight After **Share Slide**

TEL AVIV - The shekel weakened against major international currencies Monday but showed little reaction to the plunge in Israel's stock market the day before, as shares made a moderate recovery by the close.

The dollar opened the daily tender at 3.016 shekels and closed at 3.019, compared with 3.018 Friday. The central bank's basket of major currencies rose to 3.3783 shekels from 3.3719 Friday.

Many Israelis were rattled when shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange fell nearly 10 percent Sunday in response to a capital-gains tax announced by the Finance Ministry last week.

The shekel weakened against the yen and the Deutsche mark, with 100 yen valued at 3.0801 shekels, compared with 3.0663 Friday, and the mark quoted at 1.9679 shekels, compared with

Blue-chip shares on the stock exchange rallied to close moderately higher Monday, regaining some of Sunday's sharp losses. The benchmark General Share Index rose 3.72 points, or 2.25 percent, to 168.90. The index fell 18.21 points, or nearly 10 percent, Sunday.

The government announced plans to modify the capitalgains tax on Sunday to quell the rush to sell, but investors say the rules are still unclear.

#### **Drug Cuts Hit** French Shares

PARIS - Shares of the chemical and pharmaceutical Spain is expected to sell about half of an extraordinary meeting he expected the company Rhône-Poulenc SA bank would quickly return to profit befell 3 percent Monday after the government imposed price cuts of between 3 percent and 20 percent on some of the most frequently prescribed drugs in France, traders said, were using "shock measures" to pull the company up to break-even status after it

news of the price cuts.

esto has taken, Mr. Saenz said, was the Rhône-Pouleoe officials layed down the significance of the government's move, which affected not only the company's Zoltum but also other leading manufacturers' drugs.

#### London Frankfurt FTSE 100 Index CAC 40 2400 ---1 3100 MW ALUMAM DOS Monday Exchange Index Close 412.45 -0.75AEX 409.33 Stock Index 7,538.07 7,551.10 -8.17 Brusseis 2.123.79 2,149.57 -1.20 DAX 806.96 811.48 0.56 Frankfurt 1,888.90 1,876.12 40.68 Helsinki Financial Times 30: 2,486.50 .. 2,496.90 .. -0.42 London FTSE 100 3,171.30 3,191.40 -0.63 London " General Index: . . 304.99 . . . 307.15 . . . -0.70 10610. MIBTEL .... 10809 +1.88 1,972.63 .. 2,001.33 ...-1.43 CAC 40 Stockbolm Alleersveerlden 1,884.64 1,894.12 1.56 458.62 0.82 Stock Index 454.88 Vienna 908.86 915.79 0.76 SBS Zurich.

Investor's Europe

#### Very briefly:

• Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Telediffusion and Walt Disney Co. said they were establishing a venture to launch a family television channel in Germany in January.

• Vickers PLC, the British engineering company, said it had had talks with Bayerische Motoren Werke AG and Mercedes-Benz AG over the possibility of co-operation on future models of its Rolls-Royce luxury cars.

• Alcatel-Alsthom SA of France said its Alcatel Business Systems unit raised its stake in STC Business Communications of South Africa to 50 percent from 19.9 percent previously. Financial details were not disclosed.

• Outokumpu Metals & Resources Oy, part of Finnish metals and mining group Outokumpu Oy, said it had signed a letter of intent to sell its entire stake in Transamine of France. The Dutch consumer confidence index entered positive territory

for the first time in four years with a record rise of eight points, the Central Bureau of Statistics said. • The National Bank of Belarus has significantly increased the

minimum capital requirement for banks operating in the country to make banks more stable and reliable, a spokesman told the Interfax news agency.

News Corp. said it had raised the prior of The Sun newspaper to 22 pence (34 cents) from 20 pence because of higher paper and print prices.
 Bloomberg. Reuters, AFX, Knight-Rudder

# Rhône-Poulenc stock fell 4 francs to 130.80 (\$25) after AMB Premium Income Rises

AACHEN, Germany - AMB Aachener & Münchener Beteiligungs AG said Monday its premium income in the first half rose 7.3 percent, to 7.70 billion Deutsche marks (\$5 billion). The insurance conglomerate said the increase should ensure strong earnings and a dividend at least as high as the 14 marks per share paid for 1993. The insurer didn't release earnings figures.

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year, up from 43.16 billion in the com-

parable period a year ago.

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Well Street and do not reflect the trades elecwhere. Via The Associated

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#### U.K.'s Charter Raises Bid for Swedish Group

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Agence France-Presse

STOCKHOLM — The
British industrial group
Charter PLC said Monday
it had raised its offer for the
Swedish welding-equipment group ESAB to 380
kronor (\$50) a share from
345 kronor.
Some 84 percent of

Some 84 percent of ESAB shareholders have accepted the offer, Charter

The British group said it wanted to acquire 90 per-cent of the Swedish group, the world's leading manu-facturer of soldering and welding equipment.

Prominent shareholders in ESAB rejected the earlier offer after the group announced better-than-ex-pected half-year results.
On Aug. 8, ESAB an-nounced profit of 195 mil-lion kronor for the first half, eight times its profit in the first half of 1993.

On October 28th, the IHT will publish a Special Report on

#### **AUSTRIA**

Among the topics to be covered are:

- What European Union membership means to Austria.
- The post-election political outlook.
- A return to growth after several years of recession.
- Sectors affected by the privatization program.
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# Hitachi Weighs Offshore Expansion

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches in the Philippines which pro-TOKYO — Hitachi Ltd. is duces small hard-disk drives. considering producing and spokesman said Monday.

The company has not decided the timing or scale of production, the spokesman said.

personal computers in the United States starting in 1996. The spokesman would only say that sights in Oklahoma and in the Philippines were under consid-

disks and other items. Its plant

#### High Price Set in Japan For Telecom

TOKYO - Individuals are likely to dominate Thursday's auetion of shares in Japan Telecom after the long-distance telephone company set a minimum bid price that seems too high, analysts said Monday.

The minimum bid price is 2,410,000 yen (\$24,400) a share, which brokers said would dull interest among domestie and foreign institutional investors.

That could mean a nearrepeat of last week's auction of Japan Tobacco Inc. shares, in which individuals aggressively snapped up the shares at premium

A British broker said many hig investors expected the Japan Telecom shares to fall because they would be overvalued.

Despite institutional investors' lukewarm response, all 17,000 Japan Telecom shares up for auction on Thursday are likely to be snapped up, because there are so few of them.

The spokesman said Hitachi marketing personal computers expected to sell about 140,000 overseas for the first time, a personal computers in the year ending in March 1995, up from 88,000 last year. A report in Nihon Keizai Shimbun said the company planned a tenfold in-Japanese news reports said crease in its personal computer the company planned to build sales at home and abroad by the year ending in March 1997, to 1.2 million units.

The report also said Hitachi may invest as much as 100 billion yen (\$1 billion) in the project to build personal comput-Hitachi has a plant in Okla-homa that makes magnetic of a marketing network in Asia, Europe and the United States.

The Japanese computer mar-ket is largely saturated, but there is still room for new entrants overseas, the report said.
(AFX, Bloomberg)

■ NEC Plans Expansion

Strong global personal-com-puter sales and prospects for surging demand for semicon-ductors have led Japan's higgest chipmaker, NEC Corp., to take a gamble on a giant new plant,

news agencies reported.
NEC said Monday it would invest about \$1 billion in a production line for 16-megabit and 64-megabit dynamic randomaccess memory chips at either its plant in Scotland or its plant California.

The actual investment will be approximately \$1 billion, but the location has not been decided yet," said Mark Pearce, an NEC spokesman. "Both governments are trying hard to get the NEC contract."

NEC also said Monday it planned to contract out production of electronic components to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. to keep up with

growing world demand. The Taiwan company, a subsidiary of Philips Electronics NV, will make between 2 million and 3 million applicationspecifie integrated circuit chips a year, or between 20 percent and 30 percent of NEC's production, Mr. Pearce said.

He also confirmed that NEC planned to double production of cellular telephones to around 3 million a year by March 1995, increasing production in Britain, Mexico and Japan.

# Toyota Profit Wilts Again But Analysts See Hope Down the Road

TOKYO - It's almost certain that Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's largest automaker, will report its fourth straight decline in annual

earnings Thursday. The parent company has projected a 30 percent fall in its current profit, to 200 billion yen (\$2 billion), for the year that ended June 30, 1994. Analysts say the damage may be far

The betting among analysts, however, is that this will be the automaker's last report of

falling full-year profit in this business cycle. Domestic sales are starting to pick up, and the company plans to continue cutting costs. The almighty yea, probably the main source of Toyota's woes, is unlikely to appreciate

"Overall, we're looking for a profit recovery in June 1995," said Ben Moyer, an analyst at Merrill Lynch.

Those same factors suggest that brighter days are in store for Japan's entire recessionweary auto industry. Domestic new-vehicle sales rose in June and July after falling for most of the last two years.

Honda Motor Co., which will announce consolidated earnings for the April-June quarter Wednesday, expects its group current profit to rise 79 percent in the year ending March 31, 1995, to 84 billion yen. Honda predicts its parent current profit for the period will rise 54 percent.

Honda's profits have tumbled for four years. The company attributes its rosy forecast to a recovery in the U.S. car market, where it sells more cars than it does in Japan. It also has aggressively cut costs.

Honda's quarterly earnings report will show a sizable increase in net profit due to the sale of its 20 percent stake in Britain's Rover Group to Bayerische Motoren Werke in February. The transaction reportedly gave Honda back about 10 billion yen.

Because of that, Honda's first-quarter profit increase should be significant, said Keith Donaldson, an analyst at Salomon Brothers. Analysts will be curious to see what sort of yen-dollar exchange rate Honda and Toyota use in their earnings forecasts.

Japanese auto companies have been hurt by the yen's appreciation against the dollar since last spring because they export so many of their products. Toyota exports 34 percent of its vehicles, while Honda exports nearly

The strong yen also erodes overseas earnings brought back to Japan. Each time the dollar falls one yen, Toyota estimates that it loses 10 billion yen in revenue. Honda said it loses 6 billion yen on the same formula.

In May, at the time of its full-year earnings report, Honda forecast a dollar rate of 105 yen. It hovers today around 99 yen. "Honda will definitely revise the exchange rate," Mr.

equipment.

# Ship Line

Australia

Won't Sell

SYDNEY - The government on Monday scrapped plans to privatize its ailing ship-ping line, Australian National Line, saying the company's fi-nancial problems were so severe "you could not give it away."

The financial advisors Salo.

The financial advisers Salomon Brothers Australia and Price Waterhouse said in a report that the shipping line had a negative market value of 75 million to 118 million Australian dollars (\$55 to \$87 million).

The report also said the company was likely to report a loss of 23.5 million dollars in the current financial year, com-pared with a loss budgeted in December at 2.4 million dollars, and that it should be liqui-

"You could not give it away; that is the reality," Laurie Brer-eton, transport minister, said. The government has decided to keep the group going, but it says it will take immediate action to stem its losses.

"This will be done by withdrawing ANL from sale and appointing a new board charged with a mandate for the next six months to reconstruct the company by closing nonviable busi-nesses and trades and improv-ing the prospects of others," the

Privatization was not a realiseable future, Mr. Brere-

age" of the power plants, which burdens the foreign-exchange shipping in coastal and international trades, land transport, ship management and stevedor-He blamed the underlying problem on the country's cur-

(AFP, Knight-Ridder)

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#### Very briefly:

Japanese farmers are expecting a bumper rice crop this year. according to the Mainichi Shimbun survey, after last year's worst crop in half a century forced the nation to open up its market. • China, which has cracked down on futures trading, will permit a limited number of exchanges to continue.

• Ford Motor Co. said it would invest 3.8 billion yen (\$38 million) in a parts research and development center in Yokohama.

• BBDO Worldwide has taken a 49.9 percent stake in the Bangkok-based advertising agency Damask.

• Moody's Investors Service Inc. said it was reviewing the A-2 tic proposition now or in the rating on the senior unsecured debt of Canon Inc. for a possible

Wharf Cable, Hong Kong's only subscription television opera-Australian National Line's tor, will launch four pay-per-view movie channels, including the business include liner and bulk first in Hong Kong to include soft pornography.

· Exxon Corp.'s technical vice president, Michael Johnson, estimated Southeast Asia's reserves at 31 billion barrels of oil and its gas deposits at 281 trillion cubic feet (7.96 trillion cubic meters), but he said more sophisticated technology would be needed to Knight-Ridder, AFP, Reuters, AP, Bloomberg, AFX

#### **Debts Cited in China's Power Woes**

HONG KONG - China's electrical-power industry faces a crippling problem because austerity policies are causing debts to pile up among producers, manufacturers and customers, according to a Hong Kong-based official of GE Industrial & Power Systems Asia.

"It seems to me that all of the three big turbine suppliers are starting to miss shipments because they don't have the money to buy raw materials to complete the projects because they have not been paid for the previous shipments they have made," said Delbert Williamson, president of GE Industrial & Power Systems Asia, a part of the American conglomerate General Electric Co.

GE Industrial & Power Systems is engaged in talks with Dongfang Electrical Machinery (Reuters, AFP) Co. and China Harbin Power

Plant Equipment over joint- China's imports of power venture agreements for the production of turbines.

"We do still have n problem the government to allow the imwith triangular debts, hut it's portation of a higher percent better than it was before," said an official from the chairman's office at Shanghai United Elec-tric Corp. "It will affect our position and the inflation rate, the said."

earnings this year, but not too much. We do have money to

He blamed the underlying buy raw materials," Triangular debt occurs when the materials producer, the manufacturer and the customer owe one another

"I have heard that some of these companies have not been paid for four or live months," Mr. Williamson said. In this case the customers are China's provincial power bureaus. "The power bureaus are not paying the turbine huilders, who are then not paying their suppliers —it is a vicious circle," be said.

He said the problems would probably lead to an increase in

# Hopes for Easier Credit Policy Lift Korean Stocks

"It puts even more burden on

SEOUL - Institutional investors resumed Korean stock purchases Monday for the first time in weeks, expecting that a softer Bank of Korea money policy would improve liquidity.

The stock index rose about 2 percent, for a second straight day of gains, as investors expected more money to come

traders said.

The Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 15.90 points to 962.96 in active for all of 1994. trading.

into the market in the next few weeks. Consumer prices rose 5.2 percent in the first seven months of this year, compared with the government's target of 6 percent

But the central bank is expected to For months, institutions have suffered loosen its grip on money supply before from tight liquidity because of the cen-next month's national holiday, which tral bank's money-absorbing measures traditionally is a time of high demand for to fight higher-than-expected inflation.

# Bank Negara Polishes Its International Image.

KUALA LUMPUR - Bank Negara's recent dismantling of eight-month-old capital controls that soured investor sentiment on Malaysia is an attempt by the national image, economists and analysts said Monday.

return to sanity by the Malaysian central hank and would renew sagging investor confidence in Malaysia. But skeptics say the damage to Bank Negara's credibility has been done and

Some said the recent moves marked a

that the Malaysian central bank will find it hard to undo. Bank Negara found itself at the bottom of a recent magazine rating of Southeast Asian central banks because of its handling of regulations on foreign investment,

"The reputation of the bank was set back a good two to five years because of its actions," he said. "It will be a long time before the industry trusts them again."
The central bank recently lifted its bank

imposed in January, on the sale of short-term money market instruments to foreigners and last week removed a han on the trading of forward swaps on the bid side Bank Negara's announcements followed

easings of other capital restrictions this year, including its ban on sale of long-term paper to foreigners and a negative interest rate" charged on foreign-held ringgit

The turbulence in Malaysia's foreign exchange markets began late last year, when

the central bank sparked heavy specula-tion in the ringgit after it bought dollars against the currency in December.

Bank Negara then slammed on the brakes, imposing a series of capital controls in January to choke off ringgit speculation and a flood of money into Malaysia's financial system.

After reporting steep losses from its speculative trading on world foreign exchange markets, the bank's top manage-

ment was replaced.

Ahmad Mohamad Don, who took over as central bank governor in April, said Monday the central bank was considering a "two-tier" regulatory system to encourage growth in financial services.

Mr. Ahmad said the central bank would encourage investment financing through All of these securities having been sold, this automatement appears as a matter of record only.

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To GM's worldwide operating units, though, its appeal is It has 36 percent fewer parts

than its predecessor model and takes 25 percent fewer workerbours to build. "Corsa offers a very good price-value relation-ship that comes from the ease of manufacturing," said Mr. Wolf. It also has a rounded, bold

styling. "There has been a lot of criticism of car designs getting so international that they seem characterless," said Hideo Kodama, 50, the chief designer for GM describes the Corsa as having a "progressive shape for the '90s without resorting to the

'retro-look' which can alienate

young male drivers." Mr. Kodama said his major inspiration was a car that GM exhibited in auto shows more than a decade ago but never produced — the "Everybody in-house remembered and liked the Junior." said Mr. Kodama. He said that as with the Corsa, the Junior's

external design — with its high roofline and expanse of windows - emphasized its interior spaciousness. On the surface, Mr. Kodama, a Japanese national working for Opel, would hardly seem the most likely proponent of German styling. Born in Yokoha-ma, he applied for a joh in Detroit just after receiving his industrial design degree in Ja-

pan in 1966. "Probably the Corsa's success owes as much to its styling as anything else," said Michael Smith, a car industry consultant at DRI/McGraw Hill in London."It has an attractive look to

Beginning last year, GM dis-

#### CABLE: CNN Faces Competition

covered the Corsa's appeal in a series of so-ealled customer elinics around the world. Groups of potential car-buyers assembled by the company gave

enough to start GM thinking about selling in markets from Egypt to Japan. Corsa will not be seen soon is the United States. The company continues to supply U.S.

"We could supply the U.S. and Canada from our Mexican

Continued from Page 9 The Simpson case, which began in mid-June, helped CNN end the second quarter with prime-time ratings that were the Corsa reviews enthusiastic unchanged from the quarter a year earlier. For the month of July, CNN even posted a rat-

The one market where the dealers with small cars manufactured by its California-based

plant," hut that decision has not been made, Mr. Wolf said.

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But CNN's ratings almost certainly would have been even higher during the hearing were it not for the fact that the joint venture with Toyota Mohroadcast networks were also showing it live. Having popularized this kind of live cover-

age, CNN is now feeling the effects of more competition. With the slump in ratings, CNN's profit has also suffered. TO OUR System Inc.'s news division,

nary hearing. CNN attracted more than 5.5 million viewers.

earlier, to \$49 million. For the second quarter, operating profit was essentially flat at \$55 mil-

CNN is still a lucrative venture, especially by the standards of television news divisions, which often lose money. "Any ings gain; for one half-hour on July 6, in fact, during Mr. Simp-son's much-watched prelimione of the hroadcast networks would love to have CNN's cash flow for their news operations." said Larry Gerbrandt, senior vice president at Paul Kagan Associates, a media research

> Last year, Turner's news division reported operating income of \$212 million on revenue of \$599 million. This year, Mr. Ger brandt predicts that the channel will see a "modest increase" in

Still, the management of For the first quarter, operating profits for Turner Broadcasting In April, Tom Johnson In April, Tom Johnson, the channel's president, sent a which includes CNN, CNN In- memo to staff members urging ternational and Headline News, them to "put the hard-news en-dropped 7.5 percent from a year ergy back into the network."

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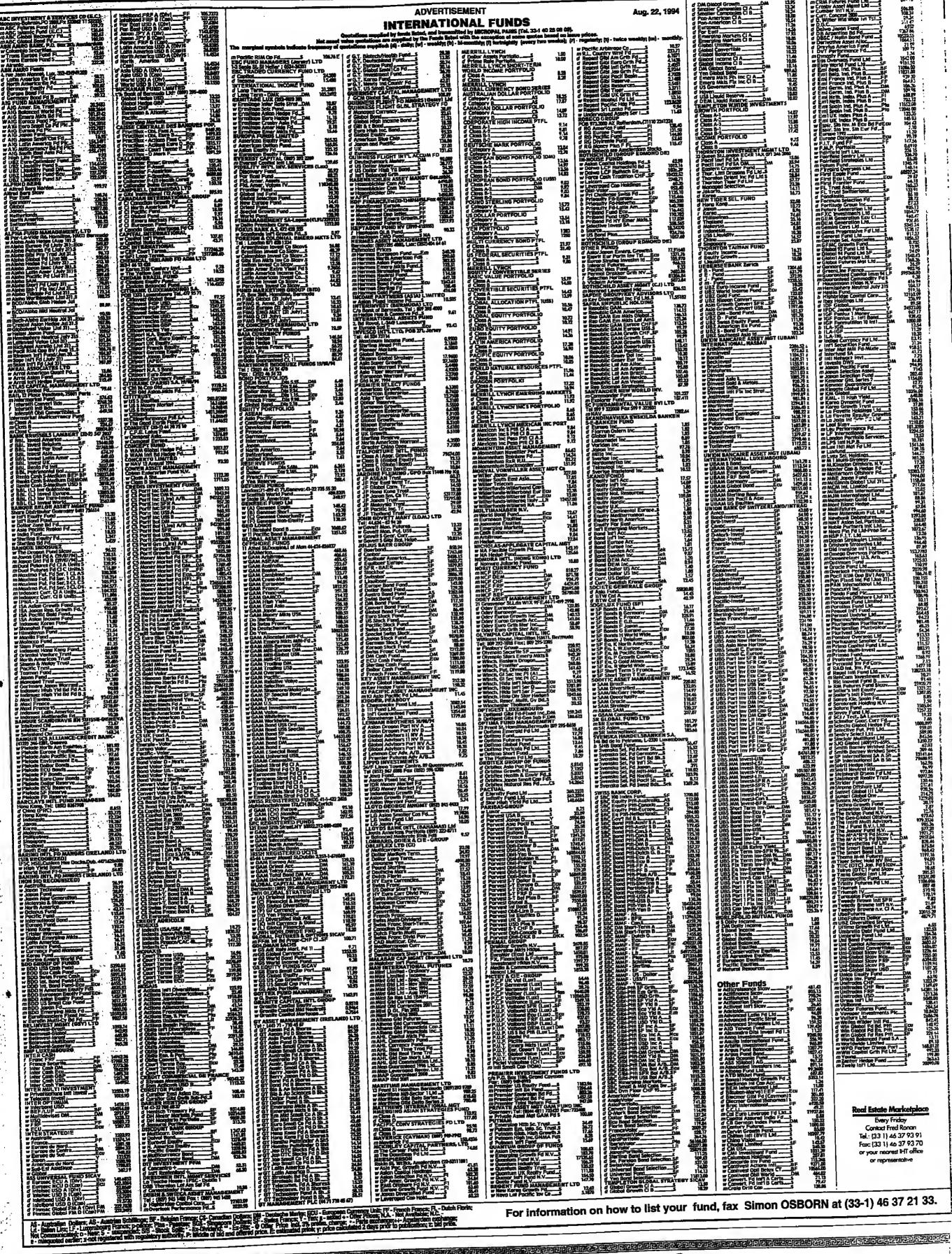
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# **SPORTS**

# For Newest 'Canadians,' A Sizzling Vegas Debut

By Chris Dufresne Los Angeles Times Service

LAS VEGAS --- Oh, Canada, did they get letters.

They came by fax, cable, express mail. Some were cryptic; others official denouncements double-spaced on Parliament

G.E. Alexander, Regina, Sas-katchewan: "O Canada' is NOT sung to the tune of O Christmas Tree.

Jim Ahbott, member of Parliament, Kootenay East: "I was absolutely disgusted with the pitiful insulting performance of the Canadian National anthem on television on Saturday night. If we continue to exhibit a lack of pride in Canada, the greatest nation on earth, and passively allow the absolute butchering of our fine national anthem, we deserve to be the laughingstock of the United States, and I for one won't stand for it."

Noreen Main, Regina; "Well, you people have done it again. First, it was the flag upside down at the World Series. Now we have a singer who cannot carry a tune, who sings the Canadian national anthem to does not play on a standard his tune and his words. What an CFL-sized field. The end zones insult to all Canadians."

stack of letters from his desk width is two yards narrower and returned them to a file. Af- than the standard 65 feet. ter a career in newspapers and public relations, Meade, 66, had ters retired to Minnesota when he was called back to head up pub-States by the foundering Cana-

dian Football League. The CFL crossed the border P.M. into Sacramento, California, last year and this season put down stakes in Baltimore; Shreveport, Louisiana, and Las

Self-respecting Canadians turned their heads for last December's official naming of the Las Vegas franchise. For the team's unveiling at the Lady Luck Hotel, a bare-bottomed magician known as Melinda, First Lady of Magic, was shot

Nick Mileti, held training camp ness since age 3. He had also at the Riviera Hotel, which tore played Vegas before, but does up a parking lot and built the not subscribe to the stereotype. Posse a practice field adjacent "I'm not a Vegas singer," he to its casino. During camp, the said recently from his home. team's assistant equipment "I'm not a lounge singer. I'm manager won \$2,200 in jack-not wayne Newton."

pots over two days. That night, Park sang like Coached hy the National Nate Newton. Wailing a cap-Football League-savvy Ron pella, he made a monumental Meyer, the Posse does not have a Canadian-born player on its 37-man roster. Canadian-based teams are required to have at least 20 "nonimports" on the

Because of size limitations at Sam Boyd Stadium, the Posse

The Posse held training camp at the Riviera Hotel, where a team

\$2,200 in jackpots.

assistant won

are 15 yards deep, five shorter Lee Meade gathered the than regulation, and the playing

It makes for cramped quar-

Then there is the heat. Game-time temperature for ficity for the Las Vegas Posse, the team's June 29 exhibition one of three 1994 expansion opener against the Edmonton franchises awarded the United Eskimos was 115 degrees Fahropener against the Edmonton enheit (46 degrees centigrade),

146 on the artificial turf at 8 That was Canadian bacon compared to the Posse's July 16 compared to the Posse's July 16 As if that wasn't enough, the regular-season home opener Posse can't draw horsefues to against Saskatchewan, when their games. The team averaged

phone and let fly "O Canada." lyric. The singer, in fact, had fan, summed it up when asked been a last-minute anthem re- if she would be attending that placement for the stepson of night's game between the Posse

Park came billed as a sea- damn hot."

The Posse, purchased for \$3 soned pro, son of a circus acromillion by Ohio businessman bat. He had been in show busi-

That night, Park sang like

mistake by not properly gauging the delay and distortion of his voice's echo.

To the people who were insulted, I let them know it was unfortunate, that I was sorry,

Park said.

Park couldn't get out of town

What could be worse? Well, there were those horse droppings on the playing field. The Posse mascot is a group of horse and riders called the Posse Nine, which entertains during pregame and halftimes. Roughrider Coach Ray Jauch feared the horses were going to trample his players.
"Get those damn horses away

from us," he kept yelling. Cheerleaders posed another problem, Because wider Canadian fields mean less sideline room, Posse showgirls often ended up too close to the opposing bench.

"Our grys are young, and they were not and sweaty," Jauch told the Toronto Globe and Mail. "Naturally, they're going to look at the young ladies and take their minds off the game for at least a few seconds."

Once, the cheerleaders had to be chased out of the end zone during play. Saskatchewan filed a com-

plaint with the CFL. Dennis Casey Park of Fullerton, 11,025 fans for its first three California, stepped to the micro- games in a 32,000-seat stadium. Joyce, a waitress at the Hotel

Park mangled both tune and San Remo and a big football John Chura, a Posse assistant and Baltimore CFLers, coach. "Hell, no," she said. "It's too

Alifi Duffy of Western Samoa, left, winner of his bout with Godson Sowah of Chana, at the Commonwealth Games.

# The Next Leg for Christie and Co.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

VICTORIA, British Columbia - The Britons are here with their best — Linford Christie, Sally Gunnell and Colin Jackson. The Kenyans brought their young numers in place of their distance stars. And South Africa was poised to win its first gold medal in 36 years, as the track and field events of the Common-

wealth Games got under way Monday. Christie, defending champion in the men's 100 meters, the 1993 world champion and 1992 Olympic gold medalist, is coming off a series of sparkling Europe-

an performances.
"It's going to be harder to keep the Commonwealth title than the European title," Christie said. "Frankie Fredericks will be after me and the Nigerians always put out those decent sprinters. I don't plan to let this title go. But it's clear I will have to be giving the others plenty of

The others include Fredericks, the quiet Namibian who was runner-up to Christic at the Barcelona Games; Canada's Bruny Surin, the bronze medalist at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, and Olapade Adeniken and Daniel Effiong of Nigeria.

Adeniken, sixth at the '92 Olympics, is hurring. He needed two stitches in his face after a fight with Dennis Mitchell of the United States after the Zurich meet, and he skipped the Brussels event.

Surin, the 1993 world indoor champion at 60 meters, also is subpar physically. He had surgery last month to remove cartilage from his left knee.

If Christie, Fredericks, Surin, Adeniken and Effiong compete at their best, the 100 could be the marquee event of track and field. Effiong beat Christie last month at Linz, Austria. The first round and quarterfinals will be Monday, with the semifinals and final Tuesday.

Fredericks, Adeniken and Effiong also are doubling in the 200, and could face John Regis of England, the 1990 silver medalist. Regis, however, is doubtful because of a strained Achilles tendon, suffered at the European Championships.

The schedules for Gunnell and Jackson will not be as difficult as for the sprinters, each having to run only twice, in the semifinals and final.

Gunnell, the world record holder and Olympic and world champion in the women's 400 hurdles, begins defense of her Commonwealth title in Wednesday's semis. Jackson, competing for Wales, is the world-record holder, world champion and defending Commonwealth champion in the 110-meter hurdles.

Kenya, which has dominated the men's distance races at recent Olympics and World Championships, did not send its best runners, such as Moses Kiptanni, world record-holder at two miles and the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and William Sigei, the 5,000 world-record holder.

Nevertheless, the less renowned Kenyan runners have looked good in practice and still could monopolize the medals in the distance races.

South Africa, competing in the games for the first time since 1958 after being banned because of its apartheid policy, has the capability of performing well in track and field. Its top hopes are Elana Meyer, the women's 10,000-meter silver medalist at Barcelona; men's 1,500-meter runner Johan Landsman, who has rum 3 minutes, 33.56 seconds, and pole vaulter Okkert Brits, who has cleared 5.85 meters this year. (AP, Reiners)

# U.S. Faces **Swimming** Challenge

By Frank Litsky New York Times Service

INDIANAPOLIS - Until the 1970s, American swimmers ruled the waves, usually winning most of the gold medals in the Olympics. Even in recent years, they have won more than most nations — 11 of the 31 gold medals in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, 13 of 32 in the 1991 world championships

in Perth. But the rest of the world is closing in. In the world championships two weeks from now in Rome, no other country may win more medals than the United States, but many will chip away. There should be good shares for Russian men and for Chinese and German women. There should be medals for Hungary, Australia, Finland, New Zealand, Canada, Britain,

Spain and Italy.

During the last week here, 22 men and 19 women qualified for the U.S. team. The 28 individual events here produced noworld records and no outright American records (one American record was equaled).

In the face of these good-butnot-great performances, the head coaches of the American. team tried to remain upbeat.

"We're definitely underdogs," said Richard Quick of Stanford, the women's coach. "I'm concerned about our improvement versus the improvement of the rest of the world, but I'm not in a worry mode."

And Jon Urbanchek of Michigan, the men's coach, said:
"We're still the dominant nation. Nobody is loaded like us as a combined team."

With their depth, the Americans could win as many as five of the six relays. But individual gold medals may be scarcer. Onick said the only individual gold-medal candidates among the women are Janet Evans in

both individual medleys. Urbanchek said Jeff Rouse is likely to win a gold for the men in the 100-meter backstroke.

the 400-meter and 800-meter

freestyle and Allison Wagner in

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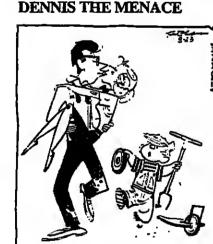
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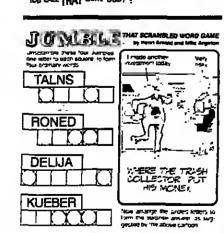
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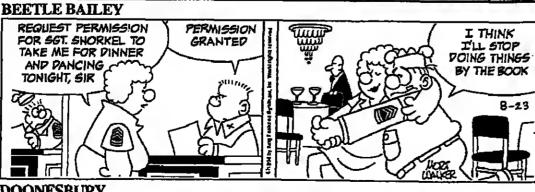
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# **SPORTS**

# Baseball, the Belgian Pastime

By Ian Thomsen

A NTWERF — The best baseball in A Belgium is being played by the Brasschaat Levis Braves, who practice twice a week after work and play on the weekends. They have six players from the Belgium national team and a former major league pitcher, Joel McKeon, who in Belgium is everything the Americans used to say about Sandy Koulax. He is 31 and they can look up his name in the American baseball encyclopedia, on the same page as Denny McLain. No one had ever seen anything like him

"For the first year, I couldn't catch him," said Karl Onzia, the Brasschaat catcher who is bit

lan ting. Thomsen ---

.570 this year. "He throws a forkball and I had bruises all over me. Sometimes it went left, sometimes it went down, sometimes it went right. Mostly it hit me on the wrist. Sometimes I just missed the ball."

It is near the end of his third year here now; and Joel McKeon has never lost a game. He was packing for Italy the year after the majors had released him forever when the contract with his Italian team fell through. A friend made a phone call and someone from Brasschaat called back and two days later he was on his way to Belgium. Brasschaat is a place near Antwerp, where baseball was founded by the American sailors after the war. Levis is the chib sponsor.

McKeon is also the team manager when he isn't pitching. He hadn't shaved in a few days. He is average baseball height with the big ballplayer's jaw, and his transitional belly is sagging only a little. His team is 24-1 with one weekend left in the regular season, and he isn't planning on coming back for more than five weeks next year, enough time for him to coach with the Belgium national team: He doesn't plan on pitching next year.

"He hasn't been training in the winter at all, but his control is so accurate," Onzia said. "If I set up for a strike on the outside corner; nine times out of 10 it is a strike on the outside corner, I call mostly the pitches for him. From the first season on, he only shakes me off two or three times a game. He has always been humble. He has always been kind, never angry. The night before he pitches, he won't go out, he won't drink. He knows what his joh is here."

Karl Onzia grew up near the baseball diamond here, which shares the green, chain-link fence in right field with the local

We started playing by hitting a tennis ball with a piece of wood," he said. An old bat, you mean. "With a piece of wood," he insisted; and he asked, "I think in America they play as kids in the streets?" They need

to all the time, yes. "Well, it wasn't allowed here. Later we played on a basketball field with a tennis ball. The fence was only 50 meters, so if you hit a home run over the wall, you were out. We had to hit line drives.

We made up all the rules ourselves. Each winter he trains for the baseball season, though it never amounts to more than 45 games including the playoffs. His wife owns a bakery, and be is a sales engineer of technical equipment, but when his mind wanders he is thinking about baseball. In his uniform, strong and a little stout, he looks like a catcher from the 1930s, like a black-and-white picture come to life.

OUR years ago, the coach of the na-I tional team asked how old he was. Onzia said he was 23 and the coach was American; but better to let Onzia tell it. He said. That is a pity. He told me I could easily have played in Double-A, but that I was a little too old. He said most of the guys who were drafted were 17, 18, 19

Two years later, after Onzia had won the Belgium triple crown with a .519 average, 13 home runs and 46 RBI in 26 games, he was purchased by Brasschaat for around \$30,000, of which he received nothing. It was his favorite year. Brasschaat had qualified for the eight-team European championships, and the club also brought in McKeon and his friend, the catcher Tom Magram, who had played nine games with the Cleveland Indians in 1989. That was all for Magrann, hitless in 10 major league atbats - but in Belgium he won the 1992 Triple Crown in just 15 games, hitting .605 with 18 homers. They say be could throw 80 mph to second base.

So, every day with a baseball practice or me was heavenly for someone like Karl Onzia, who had struggled to pick up this American tradition from technical hitting books and rare, late-night broadcasts of major league games; it was like the dreams American boys have of passing a basket-ball to Larry Bird or Magic Johnson, They were purely amateurs, the rest of the Brasschaat team, but they finished third in Europe that year, and that was the last they

saw of Tom Magrana. The rest of the club has since held around McKeon. Last weekend's games were against the Ray Ban Borgerhoutse Squirrels on their home diamond, which is where Onzia and three of his current teammates grew up playing together. Most of the Belgian baseball is played in Antwerp, and apparently most of the players grew up around baseball fields.

Boermans Oswald, the 32-year-old first baseman/outfielder and former pitcher for the Squirrels, grew up across the street from this same ballyard. In 1990, when he was the best Belgian player, he pitched the eighth inning of the world amateur all-star game in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

nervous after three years against McKeon. the way they shift their feet and hold the bat as if dangling from a rope; but afterward, talking in the dugout, everyone is comfortable asking him questions.

"He is always telling us that after somebody hits a home run, the next hitter is scared because he is afraid the pitcher is going to hit him." Oswald said. "That is something that's kind of weird; I don't understand that. Why hit the next player? Also, he says that when a batter gets hit, he goes to the mound to get in a fight. I don't know. I don't think a pitcher can hit anybody on purpose. That's something I never learned to do. When somebody comes up after a home run, why would you hit him? Why not strike him out? That should be better. I would strive to strike out the next

The best baseball game in Belgium last weekend was played in surroundings no better than a small-town American high school ballpark. A few-dozen people sat in folding chairs behind the chain-link fencing, with 100 or so more scrambled across the two wooden bleachers. In between innings, McKeon introduced his slugging left fielder, Peter Vanwahraven, a Dutchman with curly, reddish hair and a Wade Boggs moustache. Vanwalraven said he would have to quit his job and relocate if he wanted to play for a top Dutch team.

"How do you say it?" he stammered, trying to explain his job. "We have 34 shops in Belgium and Holland."

What do you do? "I am in charge of supplies." What is the name of the company?
"Erotie Discount Center," he said. "We

got the dirty books." Later, he hit his 19th home run, tying the league record with three games remaining.

HE GAME was played with aluminum bats from America, and the blue top with "Braves" written cursively was underlined by the traditional tomahawk. A few of the players had scratches tearing open in their pants' backsides where they slid. The red, wet basepaths were mortled like the moon, and the umpire wore glasses underneath his mask; the public-address man mumbled each batter's name as if introducing flight departures. The propeller planes came teetering, sputtering like crop-dusters over the field, slow and close enough for Barry Bonds to knock out of the sky; and every time Karl Onzia turned around, he was either smiling or about to.

They didn't seem to realize that the next time a war comes, God forbid, and the Americans dock their ships in Antwerp, they'll more likely be organizing games of football or basketball. Nor did they understand how the world's best could be refusing the chance to play baseball; and really, that is the difference between the American Onzia can tell that the hitters are still players and the best players in Belgium.



Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, who outlasted Steffi Graf.

# Graf Loses Tiebreaker In Rainy Canada Final

MONTREAL - Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, ranked No. 2. outlasted four rain delays and survived four match points to beat world No. 1-ranked Stelfi Graf, 7-5, 1-6, 7-6, to win the

"I just tried to be really patient, stay calm and be ready when the match started again," the Spanish player said of the six hours and 10 minutes the 2½-hour match took to complete. Graf had four match points on her serve at 5-4 in the final set, but she failed to convert, making three backhand errors.

Once in the tiebreaker, Sanchez Vicario took control with aggressive shotmaking and volleys. She won the tiebreaker, 7-4. In men's tennis, Boris Becker was the clear winner all week in the Volvo International in New Haven, Connecticut. Becker, the third seed, completed his sweep through the tournament by beating seventh-seeded Marc Rosset of Switzerland, 6-3, 7-5, in the final, Becker didn't drop a set in the tournament, which was plagued by numerous rain delays and a controversy over some of the changes the ATP was trying to

increase interest in the sport.

# Team of Owners **Tapped to Play** In Strike Talks

NEW YORK - A team of 12 owners was named Monday to participate in the negotiations with the striking haseball

The list includes Jerry McMorris, owner of the Colorado Rockies; Bill Bartholomay and Stan Kasten of the Atlanta Braves; Paul Beeston, Toronto Blne Jays; John Harrington, Boston Red Sox; David Glass, Kansas City Royals; Andy MacPhail, Minnesota Twins; Drayton McLane, Houston Astros; Stuart Meyer, St. Louis Cardinals; David Montgomery, Philadelphia Phillies; Jerry Reinsdorf, Chicago White Sox: and Wendy Selig-Prieb, Milwankee Brewers.

The 12 will assist Richard Ravitch, the chief negotiator in the talks, although no more than five or six members of the group will participate at any one time, according to a spokesman for the major leagues.

Bud Selig, owner of the Brewers and chairman of the Major League Executive Council, said the group possesses "great in-sight and knowledge about the game and how it is run." But before haseball players

and owners talk, they have to so, as the strike enters its

12th day, Ravitch and the union bead, Donald Fehr, are set to get together to discuss the rules of engagement for their next negotiating session, now sched-uled for Wednesday. Fehr compares the pre-dis-

cussion discussion to the Paris peace talks on the Vietnam "I assume this means we'll be

arguing about the shape of the table," he said, "We intend to tell them they can sit where they

Delegations from each side will meet separately Tuesday with federal mediators, Bargaining, which broke off when the strike began Aug. 12, then will resume Wednesday with owners at the table for the first

time since talks began on Jan. 13, 1993.

Fehr said he has no great ex-pectations for the week, insisting that Selig has a "calendar" for management's actions during the talks.

"It doesn't make any sense to try and figure it out. They'll tell us," Fehr said. "The notion that anything we say or do matters is simply wrong. They set out to have a strike and they'll negotiate to end it when they want to

The strike canceled 14 games Sunday, increasing the total to 131, nearly 6 percent of the entire season. Players have lost about \$44.2 million in salary and owners have lost an estimated \$85 million in revenue.

Fehr didn't think the renewed session would provide an indication of whether the presence of owners at the table would provoke movement in

"We won't know that this week, I think," he said.

#### Florida Tops Preseason Poll

The Associated Press

The Florida Gators edged Notre Dame by two points for the top spot in The Associated Press preseason college fontball poll, the closest vote since the poll began in 1950.

It's the fifth straight year that a team from the Sunshine State has started the season No. 1. Miami did it in 1990 and '92, and Flori-da State in '91 and '93.

Florida, which won 11 games last season, got 15 first-place votes and 1,416 points from the national media panel; Notre Dame had 13 votes and 1,414

#### SIDELINES

#### A 'Rumble' in Hong Kong for Tyson? HONG KONG (AFP) - The former world heavywight cham-

pion Mike Tyson may be offered a \$100 million purse by the organizers of Muhammad Ali's 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle" to stage his first fight in Hong Kong after leaving prison.

Bill Dobbins, head of Hemdale Special Events, said Monday he expected Tyson to take on Lennox Lewis or Tonnny Morrison. Dobbins, one of the promoters of Ali's legendary 1974 fight in Zaire, said there would probably be a \$100 million purse and that

Hong Kong had a good chance of landing the event.
"We have an understanding with Tyson that we will get first refusal," said Dobbins, promoter of Herbie Hide's world heavy-weight title defense in Hong Kong on Oct. 23. Tyson was sentenced in March 1992 to six years in prison for rape. He could be out of jail in seven to eight months and fight sometime next year.

#### U.S. Women Shut Out Canadians, 6-0

MONTREAL (AF) — The U.S. women's soccer team routed Canada, 6-0, in their last game in the world championship qualifying tournament. Both teams advanced to next year's world championships in Sweden.

The United States outscored its opposition, 36-1, in four games in the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Associations of Football tournament.

#### Investigators on Field in Kingdome

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laid out on the stadium floor Sunday by investigators searching for the cause of the accident.

King County officials said they hoped to know by the end of the week when work to refurbish the dome's ceiling could resume. But state officials refused to speculate on when the investigation

#### For the Record

Nick Faldo will not join England's team in the Dunhill Cup at St. Andrews, Scotland, on Oct. 6-9. Faldo, a member of the winning team in 1987, qualified along with Mark Roe and Howard Clark. He is expected to be replaced by Barry Lane, runner-up to Colin Montgomerie in the English Open on Sunday.

The Danish Professional Boxing Federation banned all World Boxing Organization fights in Denmark on Monday. (Rewers)

Lothar Matthans says he will stay on as captain of the German national soccer team. Matthans, 33, has 117 caps to his name. Barring injury, he is almost certain to break the 125-cap record of Peter Shilton, the former England goalkeeper. (Reuters)

#### Onotable

• Former Boston Braves player Sibby Sisti, 74, remembers when baseball players' salaries were nothing to brag about. He made \$400 a month in his first season with the Braves. In his best-SEATTLE (AP) — Pieces of a construction crane that collapsed paying season, he made \$12,000. "I used to go to the newsstands in the Kingdome last week, killing two workers, were lowered and to cash my checks," he said.

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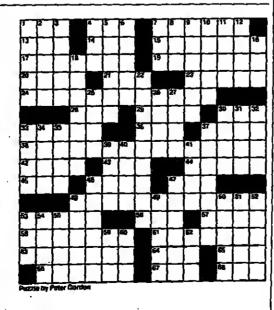
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## Playing It Cool With Di

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Massachusetts — Of all excitement caused by Princess curtsy and tell her to have a nice Diana. She is not only the talk day.

of Martha's Vineyard, but whenever I speak to the mainland, people want every morsel of mformation I can give them. I had the most unbeliev-

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ence when I spotted her one morning walk-ing down Main Street in Vineyard Haven with some friends. At first I couldn't believe my eyes, so I started pinching myself until it hurt.

"Is it really ber?" I asked my friend Fain Hackney, with whom I was talking on the

"It's Diana," he assured me.
"My wife has the same hairdo." "I was afraid it would come to this," I said. "She's been stalking me for three days."

I decided to play it cool and pretend that we in Vineyard Haven are used to British royalty strolling down our streets.

#### Thé Smithsonian: Success in Japan

The Associated Press

CHIBA, Japan — The Smithsonian Institution's first overseas exhibition, described as a peek into America's attic, has attracted more than 1 million visitors in Japan, a spokesman said.

The exhibit in this city 40 miles east of Tokyo includes nuggets of Americana such as the ruby slippers Judy Garland wore in "The Wizard of Oz" and George Armstrong Custer's

Organizers estimated 1.5 million people will see the exhibition before it closes on Aug. 31. friends.

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As she passed me - no more than a foot away - I bent down the celebrities I have ever seen and started to tie my shoelace. I on this celebrity-hlighted is- wasn't snubbing her; at the land, none has ever created the same time I wasn't going to

As soon as she disappeared into a store I rushed to a pay telephone to call my loved ones

all over the country.
"I saw Princess Di," I shouted to my sister Edith in Scattle. The reaction was exactly as expected. She shouted to her son David: "ARTHUR SAW PRINCESS DI." She yelled it so loud the neighbors all came

"What was she wearing?" one of the neighbors screamed into the mouthpiece. "A red T-shirt and black

jeans." "Was she wearing a tiara?" Edith wanted to know. "No, it was the first thing 1

checked.' "Why not a tiara?" "A tiara is too fancy for Vineyard Haven. It only goes in Nantucket."

My sister asked, "How did cople react when they saw

I told her, "The women took one look at her body, covered their legs with beach towels and

went into a fetal position." "Did you sense she was hav-ing a good time?"
"Yes, I did. Everyone looked

at ber in awe, but oo one came up to her and asked to have a picture with her. A lady standing next to me said, 'I have to get her autograph or my hus-band will never believe I saw The lady next to her asked,

"What kind of relationship do you have with your busband if he won't believe you saw a member of the royal family?' Edith said, "I'm so proud of

you. You didn't even try to see her, and when you did you didn't let her know how impressed you were." "I'd never invade Di's privacy when she is on vacation. That's why we're such good

# The Trans-Atlantic Scuffle For Canova's 'Three Graces'

By Rebecca Fowler Washington Past Service

HEIR entwined forms have been hailed as an ultimate representation of beauty, their gaze the epitome of serenity. They are "The Three Graces," the most expensive neoclassical sculpture in the world, and their serene beauty has provoked an ugly row spanning the Atlantic.
On one side of the battle is the

British government, which wishes to keep "The Three Graces" at home. On the other is the Getty Museum of California, the world's richest, which is determined to acquire the statue for the United States. Mixed up in the story are feuding American plutocrats, down-at-the-beels noblemen and ravenous curators.

The fight has gone on for 11 years —ever since the impoverished family of the Duke of Bedford sold the statue to a mysterious holding company in the Cayman Islands which in turn sold "The Graces" to the Getty for £7.6 million (nearly \$12 million). But it reached a climax when the Getty directors announced that they were considering taking the British government to court. [The British government responded that it planned to "vigorously" defend its decision not to issue an export license for the statue, Agence France-Presse reported from London.]

Caught in the cross fire is the sculpture, a delicate work in white marble depicting the three classical goddesses of fertility (all daughters of Zeus) that was commissioned from Antonio Canova by the sixth Duke of Bedford in 1814. The Canova, as its most ardent champions refer to it, is currently packed in a wooden crate in Battersea, South London, in limbo between its specially built conservatory at Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire and the Getty Museum in Malibu. It has been crated more than a decade, while the British have scurried around for an alternative buyer who will keep it on their side of the Atlantic.

Two times in the last six years the Getty Museum had tried to win au export license allowing "The Graces" to travel to Malibu, only to meet with delays as the British pleaded for a bome-grown buyer. A third, suppos-



In statue battle, John Paul Getty is at odds with Getty Museum.

edly final, deadline for a British buyer to come forward was Aug. 5. But as Big Ben chimed out the final hours

m Whitehall, the dismayed Getty
Museum was trumped yet again.
At the last minute, the Victoria
and Albert Museum in London and and Albert Museum in London and the National Galleries of Scotland pledged £5.2 million of the total £7.6 million price tag for "The Three Graces." Stephen Dorrell, the latest in a stream of heritage ministers who have dealt with the "Graces" race, extended the deadline for a further three mouths in the hore that snoththree months in the hope that another £1.8 million would be found.

The saga is more fitting of an Ealing comedy than an expensive art deal. "Alec Guinness would have been perfect to play all the different heritage ministers we've had to deal with over the last decade, these befuddled, weird men," said John Walsh, director of the Getty Museum. "After all, is it better this work lies in a packing crate for another 11 years, or gets seen by people and is on public display, wherever the mnseum is?"

Even in the gentlemen's clubs of Pall Mall there are embarrassed mutterings that maybe the Americans have something to be miffed about this time around, and George Levy
—a respected London art dealer and the most ardent champion of "The Graces" (having devoted the past five years to writing imploring letters

about the statue to the Times of Lon-

don) -- was forced to agree.
"While I'm passionately keen the Canova should stay here, I have to say the way the thing has been handled by the government in the last two weeks is rather questionable." he said. "After all, if it does go to America, it's not as if it is going to be destroyed, unless there is another earthquake, God forbid."

But nothing is so sure to send the British into a frenzy than parting

with a heritage from the crumbling porticoes of its stately homes.

"Many British heritage lovers still gleefully recall how an American millionaire bought London Bridge in 1968 to transport it brick for brick to Arisons." Says one leading from the contraction of the contraction Arizona," says one leading figure in the British arts world. "They still maintain he thought he had bought Tower Bridge, the Gothic masterpiece further along the Thames."

So it was with some delight the

So it was with some delight the British greeted the sudden entrance into the fight for "The Graces" of John Paul Getty 2d, reclusive son of the museum's founder and a resident of the Chiltern Hills of Britain, Just as the British government was counting its coffers to see how much more money was needed to keep "The Three Graces," the telephone rang on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 6 P. M. in Heritage Minister Dorrell's office.

It was Getty, offering £1 million toward keeping the Canova in Brit-ain, and away from the museum that bears his family name. Timothy Clif-ford, director of the National Galler-ies of Scotland, which had made part of the earlier pledge, burst into a torrent of emotion. "What a marvelous and characteristic gesture of Mr. Getty this is," be said. "National staff are dancing with joy, I'm sure even the "Three Graces" are now wreathed in smiles."

The arts world in Britain was buzz-

ing and the British press was brim-ming with the news — which included speculation that Getty, motivated by a feud with his family, was delib-erately frustrating the Getty Museum's efforts to win the Canova for the United States. This speculation was tossed lightly into reports of the donation, but the moment Getty read that his pledge was being inter-



"The Three Graces," commissioned from Antonio Canova in 1814.

he was "apoplectic," according to

ne insider.

Clifford, the ebullient museum diector from Scotland, was among as for the Americans, they offer tose quoted saying he understood "The Graces" a decent home, a furector from Scotland, was among those quoted saying he understood there were family differences. Getty apparently wished to have the gift seen as nothing more than a generous gift from an American friend. The British victory imploded into an embarrassing muddle, and last week a letter was dispatched to Clifford, and other leading players, informing

them the gift was off.

One leading figure, who did not wish to be identified for fear of being castigated by his colleagues, said:

"As far as I can remember, when it castigated by his colleagues, said:
"As far as I can remember, when it was put on show at the Victoria and tides, and they are rather cleansing tides when it comes down to it."

preted as a sign of familial bitterness, Albert Museum, it just sat there rather forlornly. No one went to see it,

> ture, and, at the very least, a way out of the crate in Battersea. But their patience is wearing thin. "Let's remember this work was imported hy the British in the first place, and it was imported for a very good reason," said Walsh, the Getty Museum director. It was because they went abroad a lot in the last century, and they had a lot of money to spend. Doesn't that sound familiar? Britain

#### WEATHER

Forecast for Wednesday through Friday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

North America Ецгоре A storm will bring a chilly rain to Dublin and London Wednesday while a few showers and thunderstorms

Africa Tokyo through Osaka will turn hot once again tater this week. Thunderstorms will be scattered from Sharighal on

#### PEOPLE

WHO made those calls? Scotland Yard is reportedly investigating claims that Princess Diana pestered a married man with anonymous, silent phone calls over a year and a half. She denied the allegation. "They are trying to make out I was having an affair with this man or had some sort of fatal attraction," the Daily Mail quoted her as saying. "It is simply untrue and so unfair. What have I done to deserve this? I feel I are being descended. feel I am being destroyed. You cannot be serious, I don't even know how to use a parking meter, let alone a phone box." On Sunday, London newspapers quoted police sources as saying that Diana was re-sponsible for the calls in 1992-93 to Oliver Hoare, a London art dealer, and his family. Hoare is a friend of the princess and ber estranged husband, Prince Charles. Scotland Yard said it was incensed at the leak of its investigation. Buckingham Palace refused to comment.

While Mick Jagger is playing to huge audiences in the United States, his daughter Karls Jagger, 23, is in Scotland making ber debut as a theatrical director at the Edinburgh Festival. Although her father



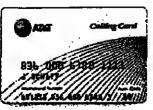
Diana: "Simply untrue and so unfair. What have I done to deserve this?"

Hunt, is not only there but is performing the one-woman play, an adaptation of her first novel, "Joy," published in 1990. In the 75-minute performance, Hunt, who is 48, plays her creation, Baby Palatine, a 60year-old God-fearing woman who becomes the wardrobe mistress to a female pop group. A graduate of Yale, Karis Jagger said she cannot imagine working with her father. "I'm not very musical," she

Jerry Lee Lewis said that Elvis Presley felt the two were competitors when they "He did, but I didn't. Elvis was a great person and a very electrifying entertainer," Lewis said. "He was a good friend of mine. And we had good times. And it just seems like yesterday, and it was hack 35 years

Klena, the 30-year-old daughter of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia, broke her nose and sprained her neck after falling off a horse during a show in the Spanish town of Gijon. She will have to wear a neck

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